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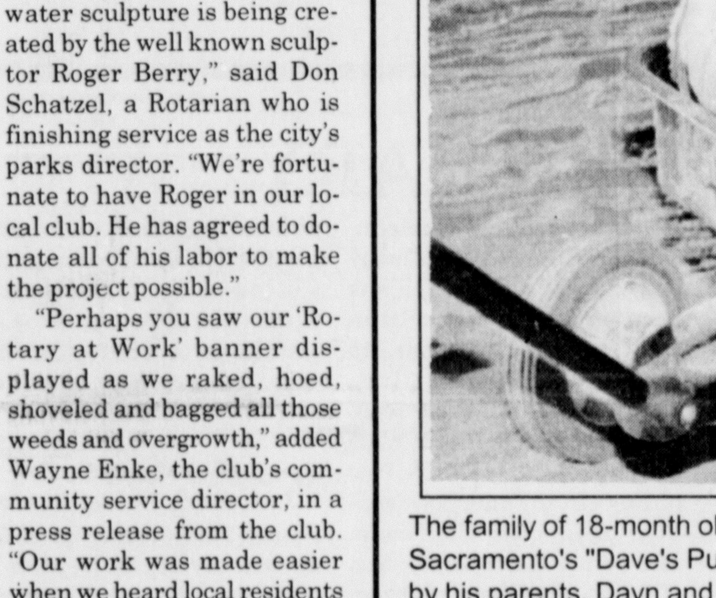
Volunteers help make new park

The West Sacramento Rotary Club is spearheading an effort to turn an unimproved strip of land at the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Michigan Blvd. into a 9,000 square foot park – complete with landscaping, a water sculpture, a bench and a monument sign. The project will get help from a $26,800 state grant.

The club announced details this month to the News-Ledger.

"The project's centerpiece water sculpture is being created by the well known sculptor Roger Berry," said Don Schatzel, a Rotarian who is finishing service as the city's parks director. "We're fortunate to have Roger in our local club. He has agreed to donate all of his labor to make the project possible."

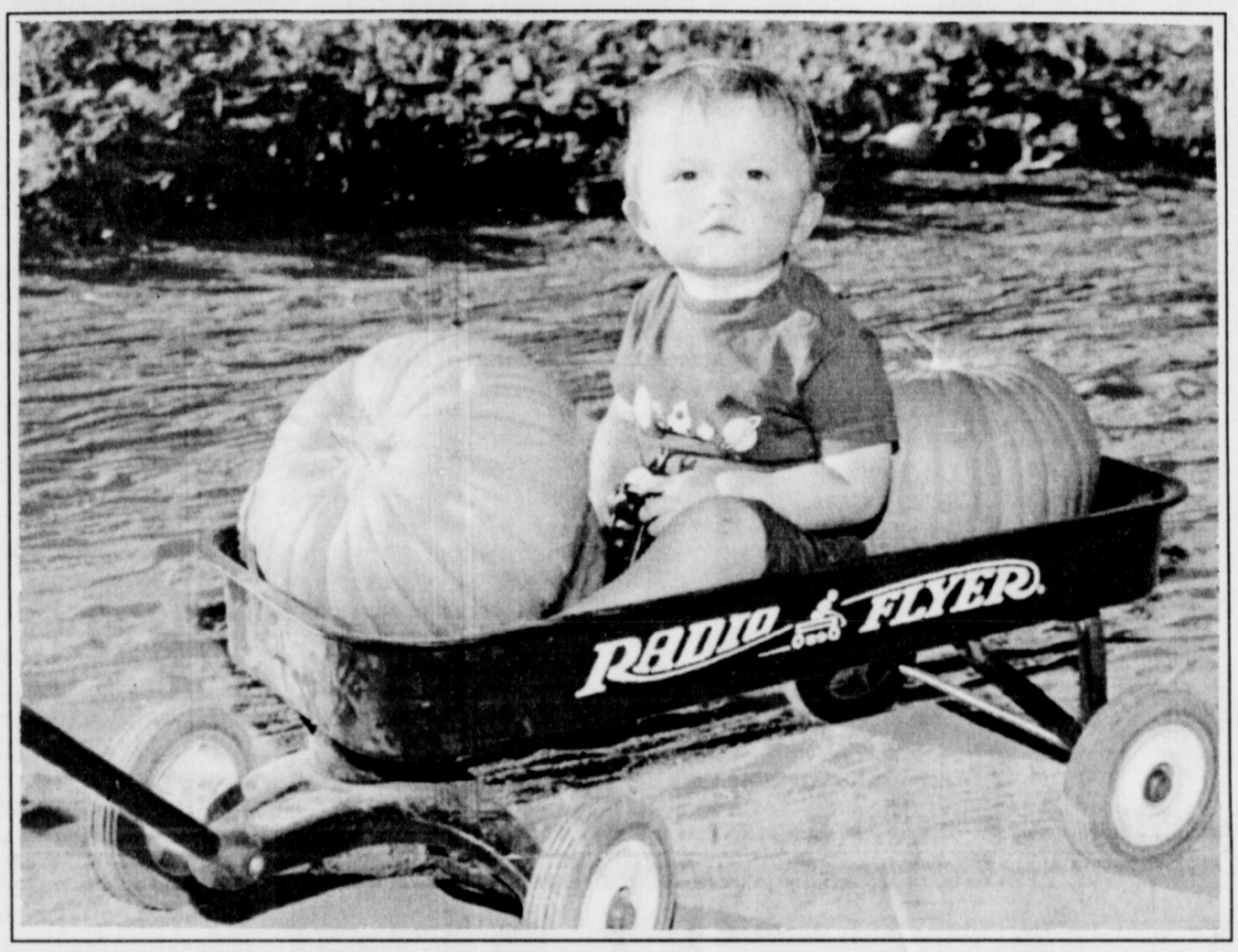
"Perhaps you saw our 'Rotary at Work' banner displayed as we raked, hoed, shoveled and bagged all those weeds and overgrowth," added Wayne Enke, the club's community service director, in a press release from the club. "Our work was made easier when we heard local residents call out 'thank you' from their passing vehicles throughout the morning. Over the next few months, we will put in extensive landscaping, plant trees and shrubs, and create a really attractive, restful spot that we think everyone will be proud of."



One tree already growing on the property is a four-foot redwood planted last year by Dennis Main to honor his mother, the late Katherine V. 'Ginny' Main.

Photo by Rotary Club

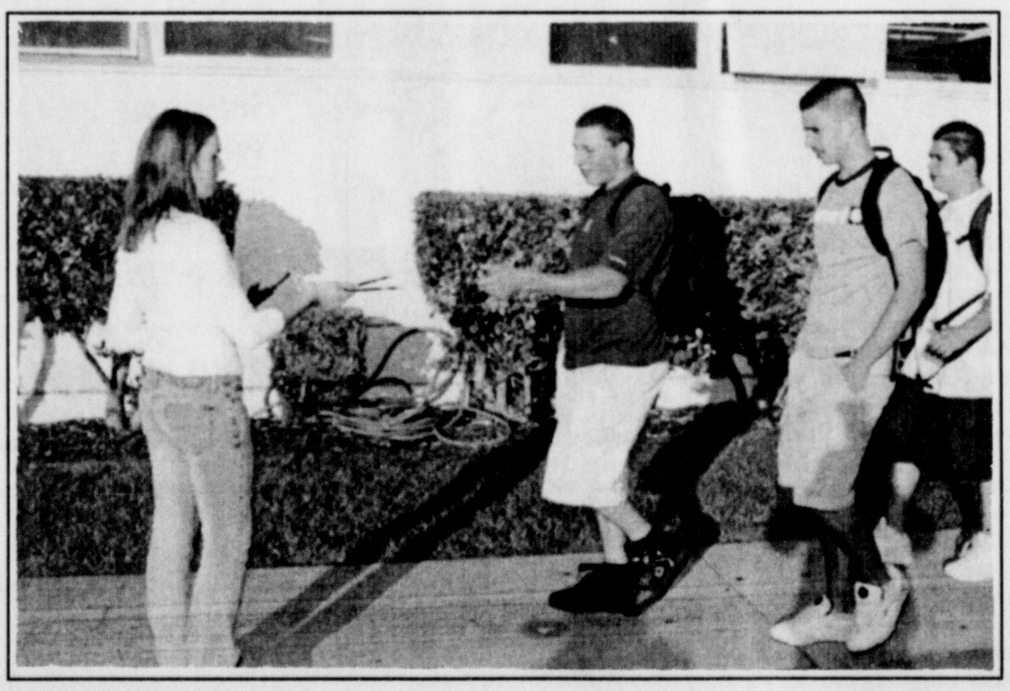
Great pumpkins



The family of 18-month old GABRIEL BEALS came prepared for their haul of pumpkins Monday at West Sacramento's "Dave's Pumpkin Patch" on Gregory Road. Gabriel was helped in his Halloween preparations by his parents, Dayn and Victoria Beals.

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

Red ribbon week for Raiders



River City High School student Brittany Oliphint (above left) hands out red pencils to fellow students at the school Monday morning, signaling the start of 'Red Ribbon Week' for the Raiders. The program is intended to promote awareness of drug abuse.

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

County Health Dept. announces schedule for annual flu shots

Flu season is just around the corner, said the Yolo County Health Department this week, and seniors should protect themselves against influenza this winter by getting immunized at one of the local low-cost flu shot clinics this fall.

Dr. Betty Hinton, the county health officer, said annual flu shots are especially important to seniors because seniors are more likely to get seriously ill if infected.

The county will sponsor flu shots for $5 (and tetanus shots for $13) this fall.

Flu shots will be given for $5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way, on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Call (530) 666-8645 for other local options.

Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Southport Town Center near Jefferson and Lake Washington boulevards is scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m.

The new commercial center is slated to include a 53,000 square foot Nugget supermarket as part of a total 260,000 square foot project to be built in more than one phase. Developers are Watt Commercial Properties and the Turner Company.

Halloween safety

Nora McDowell of the West Sacramento Police Department offers a number of safety tips for this year's trick-or-treating.

Among them:

A responsible adult should accompany children on their rounds.

All treats must be checked by an adult before being eaten by kids.

Only go to homes with a porch light on.

Carry a flashlight.

Keep away from candles and flames.

Agree on a time for revelers to be home.

Eat a healthy meal before trick-or-treating, to discourage filling up on candy.

Always use the sidewalk.

Take off your mask before crossing the street.

Be cautious with strangers.

Evergreen teacher charged with lewd conduct

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

An Evergreen Elementary School fourth-grade teacher turned himself in at the West Sacramento Police Station on Thursday, after an arrest warrant was issued charging him with "lewd acts with a child under the age of 14," police said last week.

Teacher Richard R. Kennedy of Sacramento was booked into Yolo County Jail and later released on $150,000 bail. He did not immediately return a call from the News-Ledger to his home, and attempts to contact him or his attorney through the school district and teachers' union were not immediately successful.

"There were three separate acts with the same victim," said Officer Amy Weirich of the West Sacramento Police Department. "We received an initial report filled out as a CPS (Child Protective Services) referral form. 'First reporters' such as doctors, teachers and people in those lines of work are required to fill these out if they come across any evidence of abuse."

Weirich said that the female victim, who was not physically injured, was a student in Kennedy's classroom. The acts were alleged to have taken place at the school.

Detectives investigated the report of abuse and obtained an arrest warrant.

WUSD plans for campuses

An informational release from the Washington Unified School District elaborated on the school board's continuing efforts at developing a strategic plan.

The board has told its staff to continue negotiating with Grupe Homes, new owner of the northern West Sacramento Lighthouse development, "for building a new fundamental academy in the Lighthouse subdivision."

The district's vision by the year 2008 alson includes a new high school campus in the city's south area, being fed by students from Golden State Middle School and a second middle school – converted from the current River City High School. One southern elementary school site would also become a "fundamental academy school," and a new school is called for in the Stonegate development area of Southport.

The district is considering both neighborhood school and open enrollment plans for each of the district's 400-500 student elementary school campuses.

The beauty of childbirth

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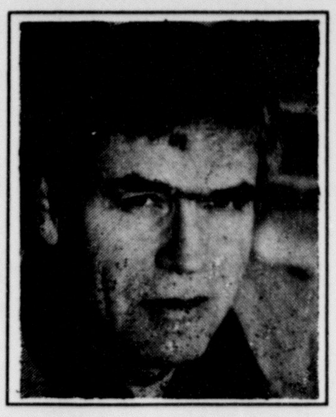

By Daryl Fisher

Note: My daughter's best friend will be giving birth to her first child in a few months, and she recently informed her beloved husband that his attendance is required (not just requested) in the birthing room, which reminded me of the following column, which first appeared in the News-Ledger a little over a decade ago:

A longtime friend of mine and I were up on the Sacramento River the other day having a nice, leisurely lunch when all of a sudden he started going on and on about the recent natural childbirth of his first granddaughter. Being the wonderful friend and good listener I am, I put up with it as long as I possibly could before finally blurting out, "Hey, I'm trying to eat here!"

"But you should have seen it, Daryl," he continued. "It was really something. It was so, well, so spiritual."

"How come they let you in?" I asked, pushing away what was left of my plate of fettucine alfredo.

"My daughter insisted on it," he explained with pride. "In fact, we had most of the family right there in the birthing room."

"You're putting me on?"

"No, I'm not. And my son-in-law was really something. He attended all these special classes where they taught him how to coach my daughter with her breathing. When they got done with him, he was an expert on everything from fallopian tubes to the uterus. And my daughter just loved having him with her throughout the whole thing. Right before the baby came, she must have whispered to him that she loved him a half-dozen times."

"Really?" I said, recalling a somewhat different response from my wife just a few minutes before the birth of our fourth and final child. In fact, if my memory serves me correctly, I believe her final loving words to me as they hauled her into the delivery room were, and I quote, "Don't you ever do this to me again!"

"I sure wish having the husband in the birthing room would have been popular back when our wives were having babies," continued my friend. "Don't you feel like we've really missed something?"

I nodded my head in agreement, but silently thanked God for putting women in charge of giving birth, and men in charge of such things as changing the oil in the car, taking out the garbage, and cleaning the rabbit cage.

Anyway, even though I never got around to witnessing the actual birth of any of my four children, I do have a number of vivid recollections which are burned into what is left of my memory banks. For instance, there was this sadistic nurse in charge of cleaning up newborns who kept scrubbing my screaming daughter's head with a wire brush, and when I finally threatened to rip it out of her hand and use it on her, I was politely asked to step outside for awhile; and when my first son was about to be born, my wife told me that whatever I did, not to allow the doctors to give her any drugs. Then, as I assured her that I wouldn't even let them give her as much as an aspirin, a very unpleasant contraction suddenly began and she screamed, "I WANT DRUGS AND I WANT THEM NOW!"; and when, just before my second son was born, my wife's contractions were only minutes apart and her fingernails were digging deep into my forearm, I distinctly remember thinking to myself that when husbands roll their pregnant wives into the hospital, they all ought to be immediately issued a pair of those thick leather gloves that wildlife experts use when they handle eagles and other large birds of prey; and right after my last son was born, I remember how my wife's obstetrician suddenly appeared out of nowhere, handed me this little piece of paper and whispered, "Here, your wife would like you to have this."

"What is it?" I asked him with interest.

"It's the name of a really good doctor I know who does vasectomies."

"So, Daryl," continued my friend, "you never once had the urge to go into the delivery room with your wife?"

Feeling a little guilty, I shook my head and said, "Well, not really."

"Why not?"

"Oh, I don't know," I tried to explain, "it's just that I always seem to say the wrong things at times like that, and although my wife has this really good sense of humor, well, it always seemed to disappear once she got to be eight or nine months pregnant. Plus there was this old Phil Donahue show that I could never quite get out of my mind."

"An old Phil Donahue show?" asked my friend with a puzzled expression.

"Yeah, and if I remember right, I believe it was entitled, `Men who have witnessed their wives giving birth and don't want to ever have sex again'."

"In other words," said my very discerning friend, "you were gutless?"

"Exactly."

"Well," he said, finishing the last bite of his meal, "if you're ever interested in seeing what you missed, feel free to drop by my place any old time. I've got the whole birth of my granddaughter on tape, every single second of it, from the time her beautiful little head first popped out to this really great shot of the placenta."

Well, so much for dessert, I thought to myself.

Pre-Halloweeen:

Library has stories, face painting & crafts in store

From the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library

Calling all goblins, fairies, superheroes, princesses, ghosts and everything in-between to the Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Branch. We've cooked up a special potion in our caldron and would like to share it with you on Thursday, October 30th at 4 p.m. Scary stories will be shared as well as face painting and crafts. And there will be a special treat for you to take home. Everyone is invited to come in costume!

The library is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. For more information, please call 375-6465.

This program is sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library.

OBITUARY

Beulah "Maxine" Carlson

Maxine Carlson passed away on October 24, 2003. She was born on March 10, 1919 in Smith Center, Kansas, to Frederick and Augusta Gras. She is survived by her sons, Ritchie (wife Glenda) of West Sacramento, Terry (wife Pat) of Roy, Utah, and Bob (wife Sue) of Lincoln, California, and by her sister, Mary Ann Hill (husband Glenn) of Dixon, Illinois. She also leaves behind ten grandchildren, Barbara, Glenn, Brian, Kris, Michael, Lacy, Dustin, Richard, Kelly and Tiffany, and several great and great-great grandchildren.

Maxine traveled through many states during her 32 year marriage to Howard Carlson. She occupied many jobs, but her main job was that of Mom. She had a variety of interests, including painting, cooking, and providing daycare for many of her friends.

Friends are invited to attend Memorial Services on Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. A second service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the Cottage Way Christian Church, 2117 Cottage Way in Sacramento, where Maxine was a member. Memorials are preferred to her church.

Jacquelyn Munn Turley

Jacquelyn Munn Turley passed away at the age of 52 on October 25, 2003, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on January 18, 1951 in Sacramento and attended school in West Sacramento, where she graduated from James Marshall High School in 1969. She went on to receive a degree in fine arts and worked as a graphic artist in New York, Oakland, and Los Angeles.

Jacquelyn received her teaching credential in 1987 and after working for many years in both public and private schools, she chose to specialize in working with students with behavior problems. Her hard work, interest in learning, and positive attitude made her an inspiration to her students.

Jacquelyn leaves behind a loving family, including her daughter, Kendra Drischler, who recently graduated from UC Berkeley. Other family members include her mother, Kay Munn, her brother, Robert Munn of Foster City, and her fiance and best friend, John Rasmussen. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

A memorial for Jacquelyn will be held in Bidwell Park in Chico, California, at 1 p.m. on November 1, 2003. All remembrances should be sent to the Cancer Detection Program Gold Country Partnership, 3950 Industrial Boulevard, Ste. 600, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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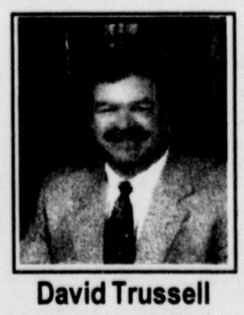
Yes, these are good loans, and yes, they have a probability to increase. Adjustable rate mortgages are popular again -- for good reason. The start rates are incredibly low! Some advice when looking into Adjustables:
First find out what the "margin" is. The margin is profit for the lender. It is fixed for the life of the loan and can never be changed. If the margin exceeds 3.5%, look elsewhere. Secondly, look at the "Index." The index is a measuring device to determine the borrower's payment on adjustment dates. There are some traditional indexes -- the 11th district cost of funds (COFI), the 6 month and 1 year treasury bill, Certificate's of Deposits (CDs), and many more. Some are better, some worse.
All ARMs must be tied to some kind of index outside the lender's control. You add the margin plus the index and that becomes your payment (fully indexed rate, or FIR). There are safeguards to ensure that your payment won't go through the roof, and these are called CAPs. This ensures that your payment can only increase a certain percentage per year, and cannot exceed a certain interest rate ever. Usually the "lifetime" CAP tends to be no more than 5-6% above the start rate. So when shopping for adjustable rate mortgage, keep in mind the margin you have, and you usually can pick the index you want. Get a ten-year average of the index to show how the trend of that index is, so that you can potentially predict what your payment could be in the best of times and the worse of times.
Historically, the fully indexed rate tends to be about .25 to .375 below a fixed rate in any given market. Also, it's important to note that your payment on an adjustable rate mortgage is based on the principle loan amount each month. So as the principle loan amount decreases so can your payment, even if your fully indexed rate increases. HUMMM?!
For a more thorough explanation of how adjustable work and if they are right for you, call me anytime and we will discuss your options.



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SPORTS

Vanden gets the best of River City's football team

By: Troy Turner

The River City High School Raiders suffered their worst defeat of the season last Friday by losing to the Vanden Vikings 32-0. For the first time this year the Raiders failed to put points on the scoreboard. They were in control of the game during the early part of the first period, moving the ball deep into Viking territory. They then fumbled the ball away and five plays later Vanden scored to take a 6-0 lead. The Vikings again scored on the first play of the first quarter, increasing their lead to 13-0, and by halftime they had scored twice more, increasing their lead to 26-0.

At the beginning of the third quarter, Mario Cardenas recovered a Vanden fumble giving the Raiders great field position, but they failed to score. The defense for the Raiders played well during the second half as Vanden scored only six points. The final score of the contest was 32-0 in favor of Vanden.

The junior varsity team did not fare much better, losing their game by a score of 29-6. William Sagiden scored the only Raider points on a 5-yard run. The freshman team is in contention for first place with a 2-1 record.

The Raiders' varsity team still has an outside chance of making the playoffs. They travel to Rio Linda to play the Knights next Friday.

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

World Series Update

The New York Yankees joined the Florida Marlins' long list of victims after winning the 2003 World Series in the house that Ruth built. The Marlins used a combination of young talent and strong pitching to beat the Yankees 4-2 in the best of seven series. With no curses or Billy goats to blamethis time, the youngsters beat the veterans in easy fashion.

A few heads may roll in New York, but you can bet that Mr. Steinbrenner will be looking at a few free agents to fill his roster. The No. 1 candidate will probably be outfielder, Vladimir Guerrero of the Montreal Expos.

Speaking of heads rolling, the Boston Red Sox fired their manager, Grady Little. The Red Sox did give him a $250K bonus but he'll be looking for a new job.

The Oakland A's shortstop, Miguel Tejada, and closer Keith Foulke filed for free agency on Monday. The Giants had five players file free agency. The list included J.T. Snow, Rich Aurilia, Eric Young, Tim Worrell and Andres Galarraga.

NFL Action

The 49ers (3-5) lost a great opportunity to gain ground on the division leading Seahawks with their 16-13 overtime loss to the Arizona Cardinals. The Cardinals came back from a bye week and studied the 49er rushing attack and they were successful in shutting down Garrison Hearst and Kevin Barlow. The defense played well enough to win but the special teams cost them the game. Owen Pochman kicked himself off the team with two missed field goals and horrible kick off to start the overtime period. The Niners should have cut Pochman last week after he missed three field goals in the victory over the Bucs.

The injury bug hit the 49ers hard during their loss to Arizona. At one point in the game the 49ers had five safeties injured and are questionable for the next game on Sunday against the St. Louis Rams. The Oakland Raiders will be return to action, after enjoying there bye week, to play in Detroit (10 a.m.). No Black out this weekend!

My dog "Aztec" went 2-2 this week in his picks and he is showing signs that he maybe human after all. He did pick the Colts but they didn't cover the 13-point spread so I'm giving him one more week. This week he licks the Raiders (-2 ½) over the Lions, the Panthers (-3) against the Texans and the Bucs (-8) at home against the Saints. On Monday night the Patriots (+3) will corral the Broncos.

NBA Action

The Sacramento Kings will open up the regular season on Wednesday, October 29th against the Lebron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers at the Arco Arena (7:30 p.m. ch. 10 or ESPN). Vlade Divac is still hobbling around on a bad ankle but Anthony Peeler may be available after recovering from a bad wheel.

The Kings second game of the season will be against Allen Iverson and the 76ers, who will invade the Arco on Friday night (7:30 p.m. ESPN).

See ya next week!

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention in the early part of the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearth some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by midweek. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects are also favorable for platonic relationships.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It could all ultimately work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep treading water as you deal with demands one by one.

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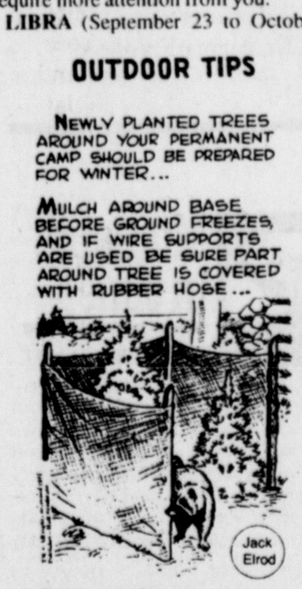
NEWLY PLANTED TREES AROUND YOUR PERMANENT CAMP SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR WINTER...
MULCH AROUND BASE BEFORE GROUND FREEZES, AND IF WIRE SUPPORTS ARE USED BE SURE PART AROUND TREE IS COVERED WITH RUBBER HOSE...
Jack Elrod
SMALL TREES CAN BE PROTECTED FROM STRONG WINDS WITH BURLAP ATTACHED TO A WOOD FRAME

Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2002 that Greg Maddux threw less than 200 innings in a season?
2. Before the Tampa Bay Devil Rays lost 100-plus games in both 2001 and 2002 and the Detroit Tigers did the same in 2002 and 2003, what was the last team to have back-to-back 100-loss seasons?
3. How many times has University of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett led a team to a seven-victory improvement from the previous season?
4. Whose late basket won the series for the Boston Celtics in their classic seven-game matchup with Philadelphia in the 1981 Eastern Conference Finals?
5. Goalie Patrick Roy is first on the list of NHL playoff shutouts with 23. Who is No. 2?
6. In the first New York City Marathon in 1970, what percentage of runners actually finished the race?
7. Who was the first three-time heavyweight boxing champion, and whom did he beat for his third crown?

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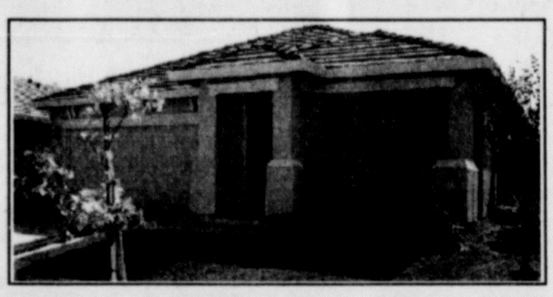
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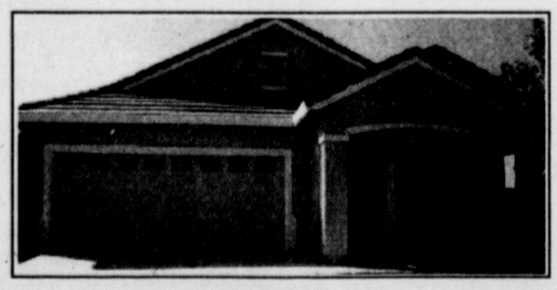
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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sac region

Holidays at Gov's Mansion
This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Genealogical association
The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on November 19th at the Belle Colledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Researching in Newspapers." Visitor and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Pastel Society meets
The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold their 12th Bi-Annual Associate Membership Show November 4-29 at Gallery One, 291 Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn. For gallery hours and more information, call Joan at 985-6023.

Free haircuts
The Sacramento City College Cosmetology Department will offer free haircuts or a manicure with a canned food donation November 4-7. Appointments from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. may be scheduled by calling 558-2595. All work is done by students and is supervised by instructors. The Cosmetology office is located on the SCC campus at the corner of 12th Avenue, directly across from William Land Park in Sacramento.

Opera performance
Sacramento Opera presents "Hansel and Gretel" by Englebert Humperdinck on November 21, 23 and 25 at the Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets in Sacramento. Tickets range from $25 to $97. For more information, call the Community Center Theater box office at 264-5181.

Halloween festival
Old Sacramento will bring the popular Halloween Festival back to life as the newly named "Fall Harvest Festival". This annual event promises Halloween-themed fun, train rides and family entertainment. It begins on October 3rd and continues on weekends through October 31st. Scarecrows and other fall decor will adorn window displays and numerous activities for adults and children alike will take place throughout the month. For more information, call the events hotline at 558-3912.

October events at the zoo
The Sacramento Zoo (located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park), will host "Boo at the Zoo" on October 31st from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come dressed up and join the fun! For more information, call 264-5888.

1/4 mile dirt oval racing
It was 23 years ago when the last checkered flag fell at West Capitol Speedway where the racing was always fast, furious, and side-by-side. The tradition continues, however, with Sacramento Raceway hosting dirt oval racing on the following dates: November 15 and November 29. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the first race is a 7 p.m. General admission is $10, pit passes are $25, and race entry is $35. Sacramento Raceway is located at 5303 Excelsior Road in Sacramento. Call 366-7368 for more information.

Alzheimer's society meets
The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet
The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

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Marine from West Sac returns from Iraq operations

Lance Corporal Jeffery Cooper, a lifelong West Sacramento resident and River City High School alumni, and the grandson of Ivy Arleen Cooper, was welcomed home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Southern Watch, on October 24, 2003 by his family and friends, who held a small celebration at the family home on Merkley Avenue.

Cooper has completed a four year tour of duty with USMC 3/8th K Co. Weapons Platoon and is also a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
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First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	Call 371-8030 to find out how your church can reach local people through this advertising space.	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Nov. 8, 1793,** after more than two centuries as a royal palace, the Louvre is opened as a public museum in Paris by the French revolutionary government. Today, the Louvre's collection is representative of 11,000 years of human civilization and culture.

• On **Nov. 5, 1930,** Sinclair Lewis is awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. Born in Sauk Center, Minn., Lewis was the first American to win the distinguished award.

• On **Nov. 7, 1943,** singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is born in Fort MacLeod, Canada. Mitchell suffered polio as a child but recovered despite her doctor's prediction. She taught herself guitar and began playing folk music in college.

• On **Nov. 9, 1956,** the French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre — long an admirer of the Soviet Union — denounces both the USSR and its communist system following the brutal Soviet invasion of Hungary.

• On **Nov. 3, 1957,** the Soviet Union launches the first animal into space — a part Siberian husky dog named Laika — aboard the Sputnik 2 spacecraft. Electrodes attached to Laika's body provided scientists on the ground with important information about the biological effects of space travel, but she died after the batteries of her life-support system ran down.

• On **Nov. 6, 1962,** the United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution condemning South Africa's racist apartheid policies and calls on all member states to terminate economic and military relations with the country.

• On **Nov. 4, 1979,** student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages.

Columnist's son has close call -- then rescue at sea

Editor's note: Richard Novoa, a West Sacramento resident and sports columnist for the News-Ledger, asked to share the following personal story of heroism with you this week.

From Richard Novoa

I own a house in Rosarito, Mexico (about 32 miles from San Diego). It's beachfront property. My wife and my 30-year old daughter, my two grandchildren, along with my 16-year old son (Richard Novoa) and his friend, Adrian, traveled my car to our vacation home there this summer. (I stayed home on this particular trip).

On Saturday morning, August 2, my kids were playing in the ocean and my son Richard, who is always very careful in the ocean decided to "boogie board" in the ocean. The winds were very bad on that Saturday, lots of ocean undertow. It was a bad day to be in the water.

Anyway, Richard was in water waist high when a huge undertow took him and everything around him under water and pushed them about 50 yards out to sea.

He had the boogie board attached to his wrist (which helped keep him from drowning). The other thing that saved him from a tragic death was his cries for help!

He was under water for long period of time. All the local neighbors, my wife, etc. where trying to figure out how to reach him without endangering other lives.

Fireman Eric Rapp, who is a veteran surfer and first aid specialist with the Paradise fire Dept. in the Chico, California area, happened to be vacationing there, too. He was a God-sent miracle.

He heard my son cry for help. He jumped on his surf board and managed to work his way out to sea. By this time, my wife couldn't even see my son in the water. He had been sucked out to sea. I can only imagine the terror and fear in her heart not to mention what my grandkids were witnessing – their uncle was drowning in the ocean.

Richard Novoa (son of the author), with firefighter Eric Rapp, who rescued Novoa from an ocean mishap in Mexico

Eric Rapp found my son underwater and pulled him to his surfboard and to safety after a battle with the ocean tides that took more that 30 minutes to return to shore. Even as I write this story, it still brings me to tears.

I almost lost my son. I have four daughters.

Eric Rapp is a true hero. He risked his life for a complete stranger. I can't even think how to repay him.

I've called his fire chief, Jim Broshears (530) 872-6266 and shared my story. It was a very happy ending for our family. We were blessed that God send Eric Rapp to save Richard and give him another chance to grow up and pay back the good deed.

Mr. Rapp will be receiving an award from his peers for his bravery . My family and I will be there to present him with his medal of valor.

Editor's note: Mr. Rapp has received his medal of valor.

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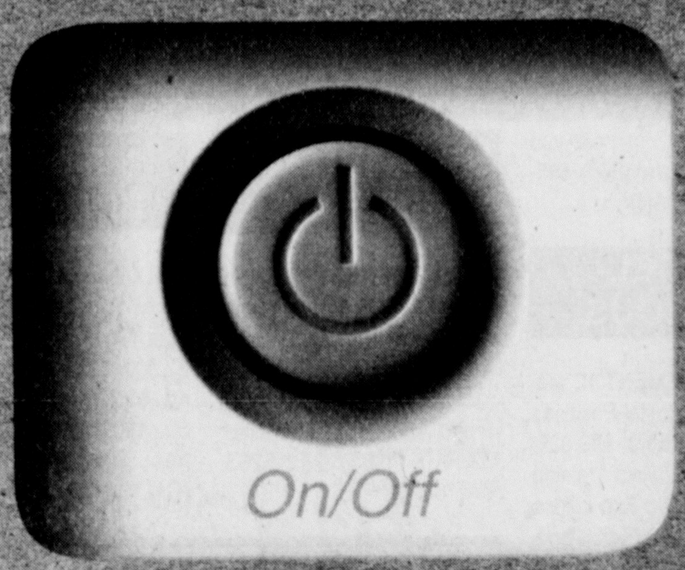

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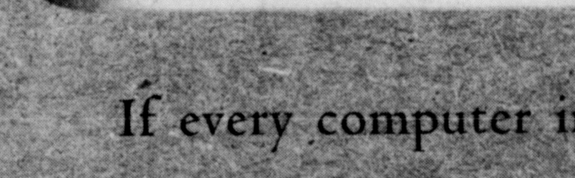

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(NAPS)—With seasonings like adobo and cumin making their way on to restaurant menus and grocery store shelves, it is evident America's interest in ethnic flavors is growing. Helping to spice up family meal planning, the experts at the Butterball® Turkey Talk-Line™ are offering ideas on how to add flair to turkey feasts and leftovers.

"Because turkey blends so well with many different flavors, it's perfect if you're looking to experiment with different spices," says Miami-based Butterball culinary expert Astrid Volpert.

Volpert and the team of turkey experts have dished out tips and advice on various turkey questions. In addition to offering ideas on how to create exciting and flavorful holiday meals, the experts will give suggestions on everything from how to easily prepare a tender and juicy turkey to what size bird to buy. One helpful tip is to purchase a larger turkey to ensure plenty of leftovers for tasty recipes such as this easy Turkey Salsa Soup.

Butterball Turkey Salsa Soup

1 cup chunky salsa with chipotle
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
1 cup chopped cooked Butterball® Turkey
1 can (14.5 oz.) Butterball® Chicken Broth

Sour cream, optional
Chopped fresh cilantro, optional

1. In large saucepan, combine salsa, black beans, corn, turkey and broth. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.
2. If desired, garnish each serving with sour cream and cilantro.

Makes 4 (1 cup) servings
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Updates and Briefs

Review places second

The Review, River City's student newspaper, received a second place rating in the International Awards for School News Media. The evaluation was for papers submitted from the 2002-2003 school year and divided into five sections: Policy Guidelines, Coverage, Writing and Editing, Display and Design, and Business Practices. This is the first time in recent school history that the newspaper has been submitted for judging in the competition, which is run by Quill and Scroll, the National Student Journalism Organization.

By Jessica Ramirez
Staff Writer

Department News

Fine and Performing Arts: Joe Shumacher is the new department chairperson.

Physical Education: Paul Dennis is the new department head for P.E.

By Matt Richardson
News Co-Editor

School board beat

According to Patrick Campbell, the Interim Superintendent of schools for W.U.S.D.., the school board is in the final stages of purchasing 60 acres of land for a new high school and should have the land by December.

The policy for cell phone usage on campus is also up for discussion.

By Daniel Wilson
Editor-In-Chief

Official API scores

Last week, W.U.S.D. received the official API results from the state of California. The total API score for R.C. is 638, up 67 points from last year's score of 571. The API is a number based on various standardized test scores. The score is lower than the original projection of 91, but it is an increase to be very proud of, stated Mr. Geivett. Every school in the district made its target, and River City is entitled to various awards for this large increase.

With the state reconfiguring theformula for calculating API, 78% of all schools in California met their growth targets this year. Last year only 54% met their targets.

The administration still has not decided on a date for a school wide celebration of the increase in test scores.

By Marlena Brookins
Staff writer

Play postponed

The thespians' play, "The Inner Willy," has been postponed until March 2004. According to drama teacher, Mr. Duff, the student's commitment has been "less than stellar." Because of the postponement of the play some of the roles will have to be re-cast. The play is about a young man who is graduating from high school. Three over-protective aunts have raised the young man and he isn't able to make any decisions for himself. When he is faced with having to make a decision he needs help figuring it out, and his "inner man" comes to life and prods him into making up his own mind.

Freak dancing banned at school dances

Is it really out of control?

By Daniel Wilson, William Duncan, Chelsea Mudgett, Hasiba Abdali, Manorma Umaria, and Sarah Cozad

Editor-In-Chief, Sports Co-Editor and Staff Writers

A football game on Friday and a dance on Saturday, what could be more innocent? In the past several years, however, a new way of interaction has evolved, and it's *not* so innocent. Dances have become more and more sexually explicit. One of the more common forms of this new dance is for dancers to sandwich themselves together, and that does not mean to put a piece of processed meat between two slices of Wonderbread. To some, this simulated sexual behavior is offensive, and to others it is just a sexy way of dancing. This form of interaction is known as "freak dancing" or "dirty dancing."

"I think it's ridiculous and disrespectful, because it looks like two kids performing sexually provocative acts, not to mention it isn't dancing," said Ms. Farnworth, a parent who has been chaperoning R.C. dances for seven years. However, many R.C. students disagree. "I feel there should be no limits, period. I mean we pay for the tickets, spend a lot of money for clothes, nails and shoes, and so we should get our money's worth. Dances are not even during school hours," said senior Regina Lopez.

According to a March 2003 article in the *Sacramento Bee*, freak dancing became popular in the mid-to-late 1980s. But it wasn't until it moved into the schools and the suburbs a few years ago that it became a concern. R.C. Activities Director Ms. Costanza says that "freak dancing" existed, but was not really a problem last year at school dances; however, this year she says it has grown into a major problem and is now banned at dances. Prior to R.C.'s first dance of the year, the Welcome Back Dance, Dean of Students Mr. Pearman announced that freak dancing would not be permitted. Costanza kicked seven students out of the dance and threatened to end the event if three more students were caught.

At Homecoming, R.C.'s most recent dance and the largest one on campus, students reported that there was a lot of freak dancing among the over 500 students, but no one was thrown out of the event. "The dance was understaffed," said Costanza. "There were only six staff members, including three administrators, Ms. Woods, Ms. Dreeszen and myself. The (parent) chaperones do not feel comfortable throwing students out, so I was the only one able to do it. I was busy with pictures and other things, so I was in and out all night."

Photo courtesy of R.C. Yearbook

Freddy Lopez and date Janelle Carroll caught up in the moment at the Homecoming dance

Although principal Geivett was not present to witness the freak dancing himself, he noted that, "We have had difficulties securing staff members to fill duties or responsibilities for the activities that are held on weekends and during holiday vacations. The Homecoming dance is one such activity."

Costanza also said that she thought students would warn their friends to stop the inappropriate dancing. "There has to be a ton of peer pressure, but it should be used in a good way. Students should tell their friends not to freak dance."

Social science teacher Ms. Woods pointed out that poor lighting is another factor in freak dancing. "When going into the gym, I saw there was a serious problem with the lack of light, and students dancing inappropriately and engaging in other inappropriate behavior for a school dance." According to Woods, there were no lights on in the gym other than the D.J.'s strobe lights. After she raised the issue, the D.J. managed to light up part of the gym, but the other half still remained dark. Students moved closer to the dark end of the gym and left the tables vacant. Junior Jamie Speakman, who was supposed to be taking pictures for yearbook stated, "I didn't really like how dark it was and everyone was doing things you can't put in the yearbook."

Costanza acknowledged this problem, saying it was her fault. "With the new lighting in the gym, it was a lot darker. Leadership students were upset over the death of Leland Dwyer and went home, so a lot of lighting was not utilized."

Some students who were fed up with the freaking actually left the dance early. Freshman Gisela Heacock explained that a teacher at the dance did make a comment that the students were not supposed to be freak dancing, but "after she said that, there were still a lot of people dancing inappropriately, so I left because there was too much love."

However, many students don't see a problem with freak dancing. "I think that freak dancing should be allowed because we have been doing it forever. Why is the school trying to stop it now?" said senior Freddy Lopez.

Other students feel that it is inappropriate and should not be done at school events. Senior Michael DeMars said, "I think (freak dancing) is a good thing, but it is inappropriate for school." Sophomore Brittney Crayne agreed, saying, "I think people should be able to control themselves during school activities." Freshman Alex Prater added her disapproval of it, calling it "inappropriate and unacceptable."

Still other students feel it is a question of limitations. Freshman Marvin Epting says he freak dances, but "with limits, for example don't touch yours or your partner's private parts." Some of the specific inappropriate behaviors student identified for the *Review* include straddling each other, sandwiching each other, rubbing private areas together, or gyrating over partners lying on the floor.

Other schools are also struggling to ban freak dancing. Elk Grove High School has been trying to deal with the problem for the past two years. Students attending their dances must sign a contract stating that they will not participate in any inappropriate behavior. If students freak dance, the dancers get a verbal warning, and if they continue to do it, the music stops for ten minutes. If they continue to participate after that, then the dance is over for everyone. Costanza says she is trying to come up with a similar procedure. "I am currently working on getting a contract which would act as the warning because it would state that if students freak dance there will be consequences. Every student would sign the contract and have it on file. Violators will be thrown out of the dance and parents will be called and students could possibly even be suspended. Repeat offenders will not be able to go to dances."

English teacher Ms. Allan, who has chaperoned many dances over the past few years, has strong feelings about the issue, although she says she doesn't find it personally offensive. "For me, it's more about teaching students about boundaries and respecting their own and each others' bodies," she said. " Dancing as a ritual has always contained sexual elements to it, but I think our kids have grown up in an unprecedented era of seeing sexual behavior treated very publicly and very unrealistically as a commodity to sell products or entertainment. They haven't necessarily been given many healthy messages that behavior where people are touching each other in sexual ways is best enjoyed as a private, intimate act of mutual love and respect. Banning freak dancing is about being considerate of other peoples' feelings, but I think it's also about setting a clear boundary that will ultimately help kids feel better about themselves."

The bottom line is that freak dancing is now banned on R.C.'s campus and staff says it will no longer be tolerated.

"If we have to kick a significant number of students out of any dance, I will be forced to shut the dance down or cancel the next dance," said Costanza. "People who freak have no self-respect, and you would think that would stop them, but it doesn't, and that is sad."

R.C. plans for future

School using $100,000 grant to plan for small learning communities

By Daniel Wilson
Editor-In-Chief

River City's administration recently released their plans for the use of the $100,000 worth of grant money that R.C. received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation this summer after Genni Boyer, R.C.'s external evaluator for II/USP, wrote a grant request to the foundation through the H.S.P.S.A., the High School Pupil Success Act.

The money from the grant will not actually be given directly to River City, but will be used to fund planning efforts that will last from now until the end of the school year. The plan's major focus is on small learning communities. Junior Danielle Vasquez said, "This is a great way to spend our money. This gives us more learning experiences throughout our high school years."

Principal Geivett told *The Review*, LEED (Linking Educational and Economic Development)-Sacramento will work with RC's administration and the school district's board to come up with official plans for use of the money. The new learning communities will be similar to the current Electronics Academy, and every R.C. student will be involved. Monico Castro, a junior in the Electronics Academy remarked about the structure of the academy, "These communities allow a sense of family. A place in school where you can be comfortable and get help from other students. It creates structure in your life."

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According to W.U.S.D.'s "Description of Proposed Work," the plan for the grant is built upon the reform efforts being implemented at the elementary and middle schools in the district. According to W.U.S.D.'s "District Reform Strategy and Accomplishments" report, these various programs have been very successful. "The ultimate goal is to increase achievement and attainment in state standards, reduce absenteeism and dropout rates, and prepare all students to successfully meet graduation requirements," said the report. Some planning has already occurred at R.C. as a result of II/USP.

Some concerns are being expressed however, that the grant money will be spent on the planning process, but the district may not have enough money in to pay for the actual implementation of the programs. At a staff meeting on Wednesday, October 15, Assistant Superintendent Paul Johnson brought up the issue of funding for implementation. According to Johnson, the Gates Foundation did not guarantee the money for the implementation, but most likely the funding will be possible because of the financial status of the foundation. Geivett agreed, saying "There is a strong possibility of acquiring funding from private sources such as the Gates Foundation."

In an interview conducted by the *News-Ledger* for their June 25 issue, West Sacramento mayor, Christopher Cabaldon, said, "This is phase one. There is the possibility of additional funding for implementation from the Gates Foundation, and possibly from the state as well."

When asked if this amount of money and the current plans will help R.C. students in the future, R.C. Senior Jerry Yang said, "Yes! The money will make River City a better environment for future students because the programs and plans will help students learn more and become more involved in their education."

Opinions

Costume Crazy

The Review's top ten picks for Halloween costumes

Spiderman
The Hulk
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Harry Potter
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By Raquel Magdaleno
Staff Writer

Dennis on Arnie

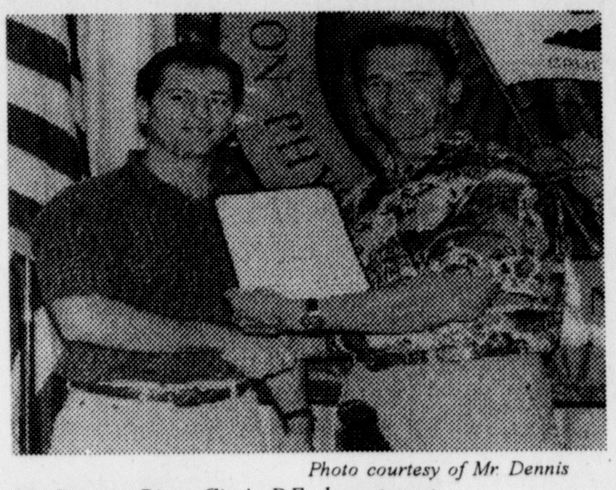


Photo courtesy of Mr. Dennis

Mr. Dennis, River City's P.E. department chairperson, met with Arnold Schwarzenegger at an awards ceremony in the 1990's.

What does Mr. Dennis think of Arnold?

Almost ten years ago, Mr. Dennis, River City's P.E. Department chairperson, met our current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mr. Dennis was receiving a commendation from the Governors Council on Physical Fitness for running a midnight basketball program at Natomas Racquet Club and for his volunteer work at American Lakes and Dos Rios Elementary Schools.

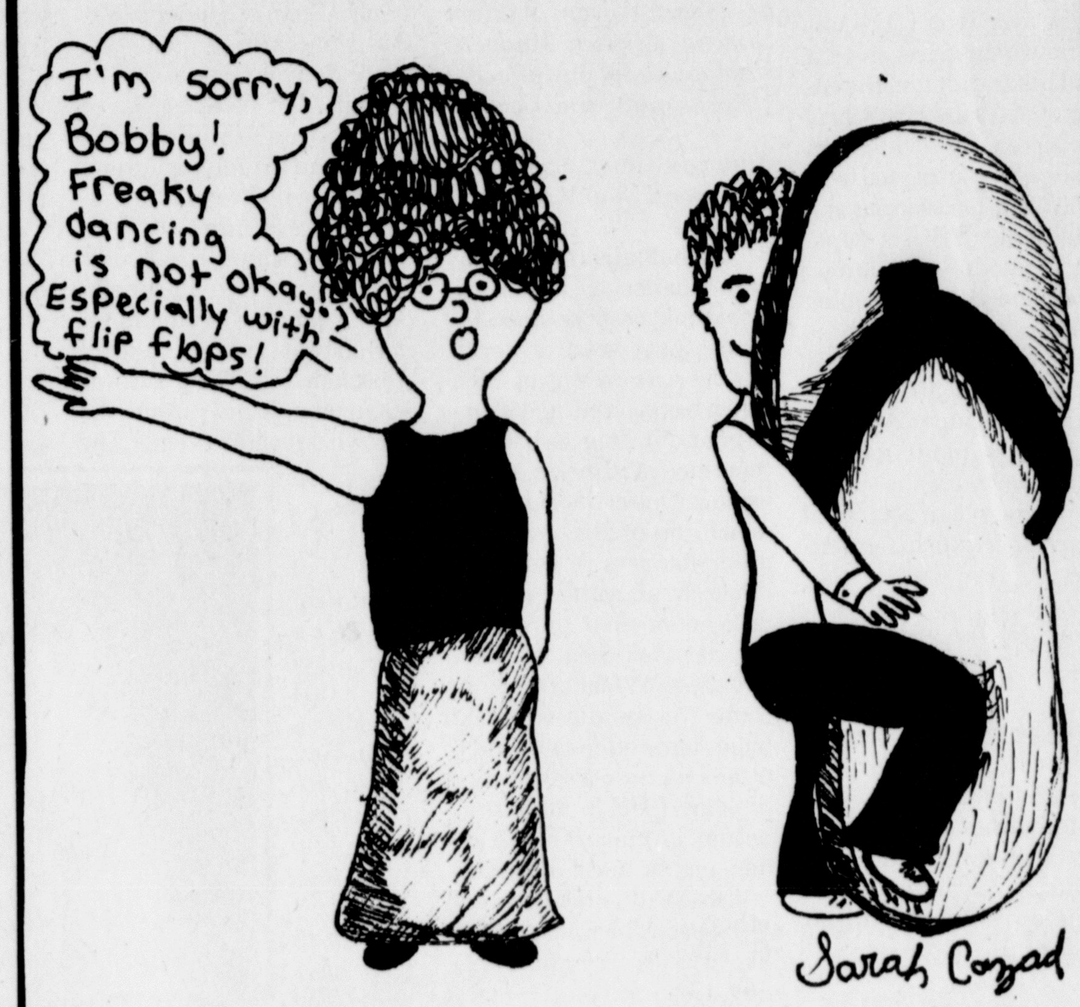
There were college professors from all over the state reporting to Schwarzenegger about research programs and how they had an impact California's children. "Arnold was very much in charge of the meeting," said Dennis. " I could see why he has been successful in business." That day Schwarzenegger made various decisions on the information presented to him.

"He has been successful in the past, and I think he will continue to surround himself with superior people and will be excellent as governor," stated Dennis when asked how he feels about Schwarzenegger becoming governor. Dennis said he thought California's new governor followed a smart strategy for campaigning by not putting himself in a position where people could attack him.

" I will vote for Arnold," Dennis said prior to the election, " I was able to see him work in a government situation, and he has been successful in the past. I believe he will continue to be."

By Jessica Ramirez
Staff Writer

R.C.'s leadership tries to enforce the dance dress code rules.



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Our Voices

Two *Review* staffers share their opinions on whether or not religion should be practiced in school

Prayer is the most commonly practiced ritual throughout the entire world. Millions of people pray every day on at least one occasion. In search of solace, self-confidence, courage, and salvation, people look towards God. For centuries people have practiced the ritual of prayer.

None of this is a secret. Everybody knows somebody who prays and believes in God. Last month, however, there was a situation where some people made a big deal made about prayer and religion and whether it should be allowed on campus. Controversy sprung up because of an incident during the Welcome Back Rally when a student who was supposed to talk about her religious group and their purpose used her time to tell a story to reflect faith in Jesus Christ. Several students and some teachers were offended by her statements and made complaints about it.

This kind of controversy isn't something that only occurs at River City. The Supreme Court is set to hear a case that will decide whether the words "under God" can be stated in the Pledge of Allegiance. Started by a resident of Elk Grove, Michael Newdow felt having his child be obligated to state the Pledge of Allegiance was forcing her to believe in God. This case has been taken all the way to the Supreme Court.

But what's the big deal? Why has something this petty gone all the way to the Supreme Court? Is not having to hear the word "God" worth all the hassle? This parent should not be pursuing his case all the way to the Supreme Court.

When people argue with each other about matters like this, people lose sight of what is really important. Will egotiscal, self-centered people demand the words "In God we Trust" be removed from all the money in the country because they feel seeing those words force them to believe in God? Will the Constitution of our country, written by our founding fathers and obeyed for more than two hundred years, have to be altered because of a few individual's personal beliefs? When will the madness end?

Students who were "forced" to listen to the testimonial should not have complained. Every day we listen to many things that we don't agree with. We don't complain about every single person's opinion that differs from our own. When I asked Muslim student Nakhter Ahad what he thought about religious practices at school, he said they don't bother him because no one is making him change his religious beliefs. We are not "forced" to agree with anybody. Listening to a testimonial or saying the word "God" does not make us affiliated with a certain belief.

Something that makes River City unique and special is its diversity. We should not let petty differences of opinion change our rich culture. As a whole, we need to learn to accept. As President Bush said of the upcoming Pledge of Allegiance case, let's not be "ridiculous."

By Alex Pierson, Senior
Staff Writer

Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Catholicism... and so many more religions that there are too many to list. Each one has its own beliefs, its own traditions, and its own followers.

The issue at hand is prayer in school. The main reason that a law separating church from state was so people would not be offended. Hearing a student preach the words of God at an RC's Welcome Back rally last month was not something I ever expected to happen, but it did. Granted, the student was trying to promote her school club, but there are plenty of other ways that can be done than telling a story about salvation through Jesus Christ. I think it's great that R.C. has a club that is devoted to Christianity and the belief in God, but the moment they tried to promote the club in the manner they did at a school-wide rally, they crossed that fine line that was created in the Constitution for the separation of church and state.

I feel that if these people want to believe in God and feel they need to pray in school then they can go right ahead as long as they don't try to preach to the school like they did at the rally. If students want to pray at school, then they should go to the S.W.I.T.C.H meetings and join the club. If we let this club do what it wants, it's like letting convicts go free. Prayer in school is definitely a problem, and it needs to be stopped before someone gets offended or before someone gets hurt.

Prayer in school is like brushing your teeth at the optometrist's office. Churches were made for prayer, and public schools were made for education. If we continue to allow this to go on at our school, we might as well allow students to wear red and teachers wear pajamas to school. It's insane. It's breaking the law, and I don't think it should be allowed in any school.

Even though I don't agree with organized prayer in schools, I don't agree with the gentlemen who wanted to remove the phrase "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance either. I feel the phrase "under God" isn't an act of religion, but more of an act of patriotism. Saying "under God" every Monday isn't preaching or forcing the whole school to participate in organized prayer, in my opinion.

Bottom line, if nothing is done to stop prayer in school, we are going to wind up with a bigger problem than we have now. We might as well change our school's name to River City Methodist School and change the mascot to Jesus because at this point, if we do not draw the line somewhere, that's where we are headed.

By Sarah Cozad, Junior
Staff Writer

River City Poll: What Religion Do You Practice?

Christianity:	54%
Islam:	8%
Hinduism:	7%
Judaism:	1%
Other:	18%
None:	12%
Total Students:	183
Girls:	103
Boys:	80

- By Raquel Magdaleno
Staff Writer

** Poll conducted 10/14 - 10/21, with 183 respondents. Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.*

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Features & Lifestyles

Sacramento band voted best in Sac

Shop 11 Phoenix beginning to experience fame

By Lucy Mendoza & Sarah Smith
Features Editor & Staff Writer

NoFX, Lagwagon, Ben Folds Five, Bouncing Souls, Pennywise, and Bad Religion. If you dig these bands, then you are most likely to dig Shop 11 Phoenix's music. Students at R.C., such as freshman Jackie Espinoza, enjoy, listening to Shop 11 Phoenix.

"I like their music. It relaxes me when I need to be relaxed," said Espinoza. The combination of a hard driving beat of drums, the rhythmic guitar, the melodic bass, and realistic lyrics like these, "I'm sorry...it's okay...let's forgive and live another day I'm sorry...it's okay...let's stop fighting, there's a better way," is what draws crowds to the band's shows. Though their music is categorized as Christian, they actually don't mention their beliefs in their songs. If you like a hard-driving adrenaline-rushed beat, then you will like Shop 11 Phoenix. Their lyrics are about how tough life can be and how to overcome its problems.

The band has achieved great popularity not only in Sacramento, but also all over California and even past the state borders. They have now played over 500 shows around the country, and have seen great success in their touring over the last four and a half years.

The band consists of Brandon Myers, 27-year-old bass player and backup vocalist, Anthony Mendoza, 21-year-old guitar player and lead vocalist, and Aaron Moore, 19-year-old drummer, and 16-year-old Erik James, the recently added guitarist. Ever since the formation of Shop 11 Phoenix, the band has released one full-length album, "This is Your Life", and two EP's, the most recent one being "Now and Forever" (Bettie Rocket Records). The band formed years back when Myers's brother got some friends together and began to play music. The band's name comes from the resurrected bird of Greek mythology named Phoenix.

Shop 11 Phoenix's success includes being voted best in Sacramento for more than one category. In February 2002, the band was named "Local Artist of the Month" by Sacramento's 98 Rock. In January 2003, they were then voted as "Best Punk Band in Sacramento" by the same radio station. In addition, Shop 11 Phoenix's song "Believe It's True" was voted as "Best Punk Song in Sacramento" by the same radio station.

Shop 11 Phoenix has a show coming up for youth rally on November 21 in West Sacramento at Joy Christian Ministries. Check out www.shop11phoenix.com for all their upcoming shows. If you want to purchase a CD from the band, you can buy it for $8.00 at their shows, on their website (www.shop11phoenix.com), or at The Beat, an independent music store in downtown, Sacramento.

One nation under ____?

Where is the line separating church and state?

By Ellen Spitsyn & Sarah Smith
Opinions Editor & Staff Writer

The debate over religion's place on River City's campus has intensified recently. Part of the debate comes because of the growing presence of religion-based clubs that meet on campus. S.W.I.T.C.H is a Christian group that meets every Wednesday before school. During River City's Welcome Back Rally last month, a student from S.W.I.T.C.H. was expected to give a statement providing information about the club's meetings, but told a religious story about faith in Jesus Christ, causing people to ask whether or not such statements were legal.

A newer club, M.S.A. is a group for students interested in Islam and meets Wednesdays during early lunch. Last school year, a small group of students tried starting WICA, a pagan club, but failed to find a staff member who would supervise their meetings; therefore they could not start their club.

Arguably, religion affects the entire school every Monday, when River City high school students stand up and say the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes the words "under God" in it. Students not wishing to say the pledge are not obligated to say it, but are supposed to stand out of respect. At the beginning of this school year, several dozen students met at our flagpole to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Another several dozen met to say a prayer and to ask god to bless our school for another year. "We are thankful we can show our faith without persecution," says S.W.I.T.C.H member Heather LeBlanc.

So, how much religion can be practiced on school grounds?

"No law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," declarews the U.S. Constitution, Article III section 5. This means that any individual on U. S. soil can practice any religion or none at all. Public schools, which serve students of different religions, nationalities and cultures, must keep a separation between church and state.

River City is not a private or religious school; therefore, discussing religion out of historical context or teaching the Bible during school hours is illegal. People can meet on campus before and after school for religious purposes, but religious or Bible studies cannot be made part of the curriculum at a public school. "Religion has a place on campus provided it's a legal practice," said Mr. Geivett, R.C.'s principal.

"This country was founded on the principle that we would protect the freedom of religion and keep church and state separate," explained Vice Principal Mrs. Broxton, "I personally feel very strongly that proselytizing for any religious persuasion should not be allowed on a public school campus. I have no problem having a Christian Club or Muslim Club, etc. meeting on campus. I do have a problem giving a microphone up at a rally for the entire student body for religious testimonials."

The phrase "one nation under god" has been said to be unconstitutional because people have the right to believe in no god or many gods. Last spring, Michael Newdow, an Elk Grove resident, filed a lawsuit because his nine-year-old daughter, like most elementary school children, hears the pledge recited daily. Newdow wants the words "under God" removed from our pledge for his daughter's sake. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court appeals agreed that the pledge is unconstitutional and the Supreme Court has recently agreed to hear the case.

Although there haven't been complaints about the pledge oncampus, several teachers at River City showed some concern. "It is hypocritical of our government because by law there is a separation of church and state, yet they still incorporate religion into our daily routine," said Mr. Duff, R.C.'s English and drama teacher, "The pledge is meant to be said. If we are encouraging students to say or hear the pledge, in a way we are encouraging and forcing religion on them. We are forcing them to do something that they may not necessarily believe in."

Although River City has a highly diverse population with many religions and nationalities, there have not been any reports regarding discrimination or violence provoked by these factors. "If anyone gets into a fight, it's because someone stole someone's girlfriend or someone started a rumor, not because of different religions," explained Geivett.

Over time, approaches to religion in U.S. schools have been modified. Congress didn't introduce the words "under God" into the pledge until 1954 after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic organization. Congress added the words to distinguish the U. S. from godless, communist states. It was not until 1992 that prayer was removed from high school graduation ceremonies across the country.

As for River City, officials say that the only change they will be making as a result of the rally incident will be adding a requirement for supervisors or administrators to prescreen student speeches. "Our rallies are not to advocate religious beliefs. We are there to make students aware of clubs on campus," said R.C.'s student body president, Bobby Jo Lamar.

In court, witnesses are still asked to swear upon the Bible to tell the truth and the phrase "in God we trust" is still on our money. Meanwhile, individuals continue to push the United States government to have these traditions as well as the words "under God" refrained from practice. Nevertheless, at River City, as well as throughout this country, religion continues to be practiced in many diverse ways by many diverse people.

"I.S.S: The Untold Story"

A Halloween tale from *The Review*

By Sarah Cozad
Staff Writer

October 31 started out like any other day. Elizabeth Lopez, a pink-haired rebel, strolled down the hall, late once again to Mrs. King's English class.

"Get to class," a scratchy old voice yelled.

Elizabeth turned around to see a campus supervisor dressed up as a toilet pointing at her.

She turned back around and mumbled to herself, "Yeah, yeah, I'm going. Not very fast, but I'm going."

Elizabeth finally reached the navy blue door and gave the knob a tug, only to find it locked.

She thought to herself, "Great! Now I can't sneak into class like usual and knowing Mrs. King, she'll get upset because I'm late again."

Elizabeth knocked her doodled-covered hand on the door. As a student opened the door, Elizabeth dragged herself in and slumped down in her chair. She could feel Mrs. King glaring at her. She glanced up only to prove herself correct. Mrs. King was staring at her as though she were a headless cockroach.

"Elizabeth, what is your Halloween costume supposed to be?" Mrs. King bitterly snapped.

She gave a small smile and replied, "Well...I'm a Lakers fan. I have to sport the gold and violet, and look, even my toe socks are violet and gold. You like it? I wore it especially for you."

Mrs. King's eyes turned a bright shade of cherry red and she screamed, "Lakers fan! You get out! Go to I.S.S! You know the rules; you don't wear Lakers attire in my classroom. I've never been so insulted in my life!"

Elizabeth grabbed her bag, sauntered out the door, and toddled down the hallway to Room 28. When she arrived around the room and saw an array ray of different Halloween costumes. There was a girl dressed in a yellow, plastic construction worker hat, thick-rimmed black glasses, and a silver glittery cape who claimed she was Safety Girl. Another boy was dressed in glossy black plastic pants, a neon orange shirt made out of carpet, and was equipped with a teal father boa. He claimed he was Bobby Trendy, the trendiest dude on earth. Even Mr. Sanborn was in the Halloween spirit. Elizabeth noticed his bright pink, leopard skinned pants, gold metallic boots, brown suede vest and fuchsia, rhinestone-studded cowboy hat and decided he could have only been one thing, a rhinestone cowboy.

"Hi, Mr. Sanborn," she said happily.

"Hello, and welcome. I'm so glad you're here...you're just in time," he said lowering his eyes.

"I'm just in time? For what?"

"Well young lady, as of last week, I've decided to change I.S.S. What kind of punishment is reading all day? I love to read. Kids don't know anything about punishment. Back in my day, if you even thought about being bad, the adults would take you out back and whip you until you turned purple. So having said that, I've come up with a better punishment. A punishment so harsh, so mean, you'll be crying to leave."

Elizabeth stood in shock as she forced herself to speak.

"Wh-what did you have in mind?" she stammered.

Mr. Sanborn gave a small giggle, lowered his bushy eyebrows and said, "Two words: square dancing."

Elizabeth fell on the floor hysterical with laughter.

"Ah, Mr. Sanborn, you're so funny. I mean I thought your cowboy Halloween costume was a riot, but square dancing? That's classic! Thanks for the laugh, but if you'll excuse me, I have to go and find outwhat happens to Holden in *Catcher and the Rye*."

"Wait, you don't understand. I'm serious. Now if you'll go over there, you can be Daniel's partner. He's the one with the rug for a shirt. Okay, are we ready?"

Elizabeth was in utter shock and was speechless. I can't believe I'm going to square dance, she thought.

Mr. Sanborn walked over to the silver stereo and pushed "play." Fiddles and banjos started to play. A voice with a southern accent started to sing, "Get down, turn around, go to town...the boot scootin' boogie."

Mr. Sanborn grabbed Elizabeth's hands and walked her around the group of students. The students watched in horror as they arrived back in their spot. He pointed to the two students to the right of him.

"Your turn! You, there boy, promenade around the square like I did."

The boy raised his eyebrows, narrowed his lips, and said, "Heck no! No way am I touching her! I mean look at her, she's Safety Girl!

Mr. Sanborn rolled his eyes, and said, "I don't care if she and wants to rid the world of unsafe acts. I told you to promenade."

"Why should I?" the boy asked.

Mr. Sanborn gave a sigh and replied, "because I'm a lot bigger than you. I could pick you up by your ears, and kick you across the room like I did to my neighbor's sweet puppy."

The boy's eyes glazed over and his lip began to quiver. As tears flowed from his eyes, he took his partner's hands, and did as he was told. The students spent the next hour and a half toe-tapping, promenading two-by-two and bowing to their corners.

As kids begged and pleaded to leave, Mr. Sanborn refused. When students tried to leave, he grabbed them by their shirts and held them back. Eventually Mr. Sanborn pushed a bookcase in front of the door to prevent students from leaving. By the time the final period bell rang, every student in the room had bloodshot eyes from wailing all day. Some students were deathly pale, while others were hunched over in the corner, with their hands over their ears, rocking back and forth, pleading for the torture to end.

The next day...

Elizabeth crept into Mrs. King's class, late again, and hoping to go unnoticed by Mrs. King.

"Elizabeth...you're late again, and I see you're wearing that filthy Lakers garb again! I thought you would have burned all your faker, I mean Lakers jerseys," she snarled.

"I'm sorry, I didn't have any other clean clothes, and I'm late because I had to go to the little girl's room, and then I fell in, and then..."

Mrs. King rolled her eyes. "Whah, cry me a river! I don't want to hear your sob stories! Go to I.S.S! You are not welcome here."

Elizabeth walked shakily towards room 28. When she arrived at room 28, she immediately noticed Mr. Sanborn wasn't there.

She took a deep breath and asked, "Ms. Penrose, what are you doing here?"

"I decided to take a break from the newspaper. The administration thought Sanborn was a bit too easy..."

"Easy?!" Elizabeth shrieked.

"Yes, easy. So they asked me to take his place."

"Oh, but..." Elizabeth said.

"Can I finish please? I'm talking."

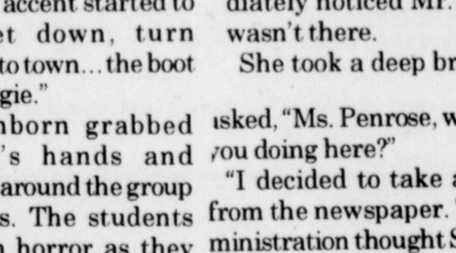
"Yes."

"Okay then, instead of getting all sweaty square dancing, we're going to do yoga and talk about our feelings."

Elizabeth started to sob and sob and while doing so, she yelled, "Nooo! I thought I.S.S was just a horrible Halloween nightmare!"

Murphy Lee Review

Artist: Murphy Lee
"Murphy's Law"
Release Date: 9/23
Label: Universal
Genre: Hip-hop (Parental Advisory)
Rating: 3 ½ stars



After appearing in the St.Louis group, St.Lunatics, to being featured in hit songs, Murphy Lee has released his first solo CD. "Murphy's Law" has nineteen great dance tracks to listen to such as "Shake Your Tailfeather," "Murphy Lee," and "Wat Da Hook Gon Be." "Murphy Lee" is a type of remake of Marvin Gaye's "Mercy Mercy Me." "Shake Your Tailfeather" can also be heard on the Bad boys 2 soundtrack.

We know Murphy Lee as that guy in the Nelly video with the curly hair and the sideways hat, but don't forget his Michael Jackson-Jermaine Dupri voice. His music makes good listening or it might make you want to dance.

This CD is worth the money that I spent. The songs and lyrics on this CD are worth getting to know because students who enjoy listening to Tupac can tell that the lyrics are very similar about the way each singer grew up. The songs on this CD are not only about living the good life, but what he had to do to get to where he is at now. Murphy Lee is a man who grew up on the streets of University, Missouri and now is a hip-hop star.

There are parental advisory lyrics on the CD. Yes, there are some bad words, but most of us hear them everywhere we go.

-By Jessica Ramirez
Staff writer

Sports & Activities

Homecoming 2003

Unity Day and windy rally detract from otherwise spirited week

By Samantha Cieri and Gisela Heacock
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This year's Homecoming festivities took place from October 1 through the 11, and captured the true essence of the event with cheers, decorations, football, royalty, and the annual semi-formal dance. The theme Homecoming was Fantasy Island.

Spirit week rallies took place as usual throughout the week, with classes judged for their class color, class participation, cheering, and decorations. Monday, October 6, was freshman spirit day; some freshmen woke up at 4:30a.m. to decorate the quad in bright green, their class color. One of their many banners had a green star on it for every freshman student. Other decorations included the three green hulk figures on the roof of the gym. Sally Thrasher, who was grading each class, said the cheering was weak, but the decorations were good.

The sophomores took their turn on Tuesday and covered the quad in orange. The hallways that surrounded the quad looked like a spider's web with all of the orange streamers surrounding it. In the center of the quad, approximately sixty sophomores stood in the middle of the walkway, and by the time they had to go to class, some people's voices were hoarse from yelling so much.

"I think spirit day is fun because it gives people a chance to come out of their shells and just be wild and crazy and show their spirit," said Caitlin Paige, sophomore.

The juniors had their chance to cause havoc on Wednesday, with their turquoise decorations and spirited yells. A group of junior boys woke everyone up from

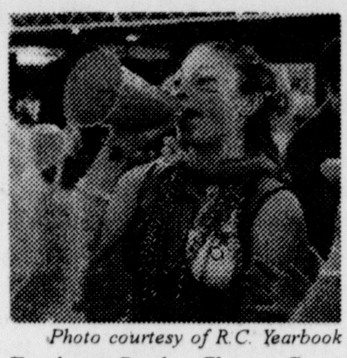

Photo courtesy of R.C. Yearbook
Freshman Baylee Chavez-Corsi broadcasts her class spirit

"It was the best one we had. We had a lot of spirit," said junio Chelsea Box.

The seniors, however, outdid everyone with their spirit on Thursday. Intermittently they formed a large circle, and a couple of other seniors ran around the inside of it. An archway of purple balloons flew over the quad, and five enthusiastic guys took off their shirts to reveal "c/o 2004" written across their chests in purple.

"It was very, very tiring. I spent more time decorating than I did sleeping," said Daniel Hernandez, a senior, when asked about senior spirit day.

Friday brought Unity Day and the Homecoming rally, unfortuantely the most disappointing of all the days, with a lack of spirit and an excess of cold wind. When students arrived at school, they saw few decorations. Only the cheerleaders and a few football players were in the middle of the quad doing their cheers. Students stood around the outside of the quad, but did not join in any of the cheers.

"Unity day is always the weakest because students are tired," said Activities Director Ms. Costanza.

In a change from past rallies, the rally took place after just second period, when it was still cold and windy. The sophomores came in first, seniors second, freshmen third, and juniors fourth. As usual, some of the teachers danced to a medley of songs, the different classes sponsored games and skits, and the cheerleaders performed routines from individual classes," said Lenore Meehan, a senior.

That evening, before the varsity football game, there was a moment of silence for the crossing guard, Mr. Brown, who was killed on October 9. During half-time against Highlands,pickup trucks pulled the floats around the track. The freshman float featured a carousel, the sophomores had a football field with a Raider dragon, the juniors depicted the game Candyland, and the seniors had a moat and a castle. Vice principal Ms. Broxton and P.E. teacher Mr. Baker were the Grand Marshalls.

Royalty was crowned after the parade. The court included: king and queen Michael Saeturn and Heather Yip, prince and princess Taylor Turner and Lupita Zuniga, duke and duchess Terry Pancer and Johnna Sulpizio, and count and countess Victor Gomez and Chantel Nugent.

"The floats were really nice, but even though the freshmen won, the sophomores have the best spirit!" said Marisa Rosales, a sophomore.

The Homecoming dance was on Saturday night, with couples checking in their shoes and coats before entering the gymnasium. Over five hundred students attended, and the school made approximately $3600. Music was slow songs and techno music. The gym was dark, like a rave, so numerous people freak danced in the dark. Ms. Broxton reported that four students were caught drinking alcohol in the parking lot and were suspended.

"It was fun, only I had to stay forty-five minutes afterwards to find my friend's shoes," said Amanda Edd, a sophomore.

Despite a few low points, the action-packed week

Player Profile

Miriam Lopez stands out on varsity volleyball

By Sarah Liden
Staff Writer

Given her tremendous volleyball skills, it's hard to believe that Miriam Lopez, a senior volleyball player at River City, wanted to be a cheerleader. She ultimately decided not to be a cheerleader, however, because she was playing volleyball, and didn't want to miss out on sports.

At just 5'0", Lopez is now an invaluable part of the volleyball team. She contributes dramatically with her serves, and if she wasn't such a great setter, the team wouldn't be able to get many good hits.

She has been playing volleyball at R.C. for four years, spending two of them on the varsity team. During games, her favorite part is serving. She has the ability to serve to any position on the court. Not only is she great at serving, she is also one of the main setters on the team.

Miriam, however, admits that she can be scared of the other team tipping, and she feels as if she is overly aggressive in certain situations.

"I feel like a ball hog when it comes to other setters," stated Lopez.

She explains that she would like to play college volleyball, but she doesn't expect to try out, because she doesn't believe that she would make the team.

The team's coach, K.C. Schuft, says that Lopez has improved dramatically since last year, and she also feels that Miriam's position on the team is extremely important.

"She has proven herself to be an integral part of the team and no matter what, she does her best to win," says Schuft.

In practice, Lopez gives 110 percent at all times, and she leads the team by example. The team's coach says that Lopez is a kindhearted, dedicated player who is always there for the ladies.

Academic Decathlon Aims High

But can they beat Davis?

By Daniel Wilson
Editor-In-Chief

With the crack of their books and the silence of their studies, you would think that these students are doing homework or reading for leisure, but in reality they are training for a grueling battle. This battle does not take place on grass, nor does it involve heavy equipment. It involves paper, pencils and months of relentless study because this is a battle of the minds. Academic Decathlon is a national competition in which River City competes with four other county high schools: Davis, Esparto, Woodland and Winters.

This year's topic is the "Lewis and Clark Expedition." The Academic Decathlon will take place on February 7, at the Delta Symposium.

Academic Decathlon is a 7th period class that will last until the completion of the competition in February. The students enrolled in the class spend each day studying and preparing for the competition.

Students enrolled in the class this year are: Adrianna Alcala, Monica Estorga, Sarah M. Lopez, Nicole McLoud, Mich el Raymond, Calton Salzman, a Alexis Sanborn and Susa Harrison. Ms. Carlisle, a social science teacher, and Ms. Hines, a math teacher, are the advisors for the class. When asked why the number of enrolled students is so low, Carlisle said, "It's difficult to find students at River City that are willing to stick with an event, whether it be sports or academics, and that is what it takes to be successful."

Three students recently left the class, and, according to Carlisle the class needs nine students for a full team. Carlisle is working on getting more students to join the class. Despite the low enrollment and the recent dropouts, Hines said, "The students we have are very dedicated."

The Academic Decathlon team has one main goal this year: to beat Davis. In the 2003 competition, R.C. placed third, and this year they are aiming for first. Davis has taken first place for the last two years.

The competition consists of ten events that focus on speeches, math, music, and interviews. Members of the Chamber of Commerce will come and help the students get prepared by teaching them the fundamentals of a good interview. Hines will help the students prepare for the math events. Music teacher, Ms. Alleger, will also come in and help the students prepare for the music portion of the competition.

Students who participate in Academic Decathlon take the class for various reasons. "I think Academic Decathlon is a lot of fun, although a lot of people do not take it seriously. It has helped my skills in public speaking, and I also make a lot of new friends," said senior Alexis Sanborn. Alexis Sanborn also points out that Academic Decathlon is a helpful path for many students, "It helps prepare students for college and a future in the world."

Sports Briefs & Club Updates

By Will Duncan
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V. Football, 4-2

The River City Raiders are having a great season. They have worked together to form a well-disciplined defense and a strong offence hat has dominated other teams. After taking Natomas with a 32-19 win, the Raiders did some intercepting and running the ball all ups the field beating Dixon 56-0. Key players in that game were Ricky Bandu, Arron Garner, and Clayton Jones. They continued their streak at Homecoming, beating Highlands 48-6. The Raiders lost against Center in a close score of 37-27

J.V. Football, 2-0

10/3 Dixon 6-0
10/10 Highlands 28-18

Frosh Football, 4-2

10/2 Dixon Forfeited
El Camino 22-20
10/9 Highlands 18-22
10/16 Center 32-12

V. Volleyball 1-10

Despite the overall record of R.C's varsity volleyball team, they are still trying their hardest to win. Many of the team's losses have often only been by a few points. When R.C played Rio Linda this month, they were behind in the first match and then came back to tie the score to 12-12. As the match continued, both teams kept gaining points and at the end the final score of that match was 25-21.

In the second game it was almost the same, but the final score was 25-16. The last game was 25-23 and R.C. put up a great fight. They did well on their passes, sets, and spikes. Key players include: Amber Jones, Miriam Lopez, and Shelby Kantar.

J.V. Volleyball, 1-2

Frosh Volleyball, 1-4

V. Boys Soocer, 2-1

Varsity soccer lost to Center on October 10, with Taylor Turnin, Richard Novoa and Pedro Vidrio scoring for R.C.. before the game ended 5-4.

On October 20, varsity also lost to Rio Linda. Vidrio, Kevin Cheechov and Turner scored goals for R.C., but Rio Linda unfortunately overcame the strong offensive, beating R.C. 5-4.

On October 22, varsity played Highlands, and the game ended early at 2-2 when a fight was about to start.

J.V. Boys Soccer, 3-5-1

Physics Boat Races

Each year, Ms. Hines' Physics classes make boats using only cardboard and duct tape and race them across the River City lap pool. This year the event took place on the sunny day of September 26th and consisted of three races. During the first race, all the boats sank. During the second race, Lou Saetern and his partner Wilson Yang became the first to finish the race after a difficult start. When they first jumped into their boat, they began to sink but quickly recovered once the team dumped the water out and brought their boat afloat. During the third race, like in previous races, most of the sinking boats didn't make it passed take of. Non of the boats finished the race. "This was a fun way to learn," said junior Joe Andrade "we had fun doing it and we got to eat pizza".

B.E.S.T. Club

B.E.S.T club has several activities in the works. Club advisor Ms. McAllister wants to put on a car wash sometime within the next month to help raise money for field trips and to buy new t-shirts. Currently the field trip being planned is to go to land owners and talk to them about possibly putting up poles as nests for the Swainson's hawk. B.E.S.T club meets in Room 55 every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30a.m. Anyone interested in science, mathematics, or business is welcome to come. Students in B.E.S.T are hoping to place first in the school's Halloween pumpkin-carving contest.

Multicultural Club

Back after a one-year break, the Multicultural Club, run by English teacher Mrs. Penrose, is to start up again. The Multicultural Club seeks to bring the multiple cultures of our school body together to celebrate the differences and similarities between them.

Some activities that the club members will participate in are field trips, meetings, and discussions of the issues relative to the ethnicity of the school. Anyone and everyone who is interested in joining is welcome to come to the club's meetings, which are to be held on Thursdays before school and during early lunch in room 57.

New Flag Team

Students interested in learning to twirl flags to hip hop music, should contact Monica Estorga.

Leadership

Throughout September and early October, R.C.'s leadership students have been extremely busy dealing with Homecoming candidates ballots, spirit week posters and float-building, and all the preaparations for the dance.

On October 24, some of the students attended a rally at another school to get ideas for R.C.'s rallies.

Currently, they are helping with Red Ribbon week, held annually from October 27-31 to encourage students not to use drugs.

They are also coordinating the Halloweeen activities and pumpkin-carving contest.

French Club

Students in French club will be going on a field trip to a world- famous theater in San Francisco to see "Cirque du Soleil." This November 14 field trip will cost the students approximately $45 each, though students raised money selling cookie dough to help pay their way for this trip.

The club members will also be selling Boo-Bundles filled with candy from October 23-31. Club advisor Ms. Connolly is hoping to take her River City students to elementary schools in the neighborhood to give mini French lessons. These lessons could serve as the students community service. French club meets on Wednesdays at both early and late lunch and welcomes anyone interested in French.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial started last week when the case information was released. Students will review many documents in a sample court case. These students will then study and practice all the roles in a courtroom situation. In February, the team will compete against other schools to argue the case. Students who are interested in participating should see Mr. O'Connor or go to the practices on Mondays and Wednesdays after school in room 104.

M.S.A.

M.S.A. is a new club on campus this year. It stands for Muslim Students Association. In this club, students learn about the Muslim culture and religion. Students can also ask questions and receive answers about Muslim culture. Mrs. Alavi, the clubs advisor, says they will go on field trips and celebrate the culture's holidays. M.S.A. meets on Wednesday during early lunch, and anyone is able to attend.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Getting the ducks in a row

Is there a consensus beginning to form among West Sacramento's civic and school leaders regarding how to go about bringing a new high school to the city?

There had better be.

River City High School is cramped and overcrowded, and developers continue to build new homes (with new bedrooms for new high school students) in the city's south. A new high school campus is needed. Overdue, even.

Meanwhile, Golden State Middle School (the city's only middle school) is not up to the task of serving as West Sacramento's only middle school as the city grows. A second such campus is needed, and the current plan to convert River City High School to that second campus, after a new high school is built, looks like a good one.

All of this costs bucks. Big bucks. And that means "school bond."

These campus upgrades are necessary, and yet they won't happen without a vote of the people of West Sacramento. They will require a school bond, and this means that either 55 percent or 67 percent of the city's voters (depending on which election hosts a bond measure) must say yes to a new tax to pay for the new high school and expanded middle school. Part of the likely strategy for getting this approval will be to include improvements to other local campuses (that means additional bond costs) to the measure as well. By including improvements at local elementary schools, district officials will hope to give even parents of very young children will have a personal reason to vote "yes" on the next school bond.

The next question is, "one high school or two?" Or more than two?

It's hard to find a champion for building two smaller high schools instead of one "mega-campus." District leaders fear that a "northern" campus and a "southern" campus could never be "separate but equal," and that they would come to represent one school for the "haves," and one for the "have-nots." They fear an unhealthy rivalry, as in the old days of West Sacramento when there were two high school campuses.

The district's original plan was to build a single "mega-campus," then, built to serve 3,000 kids. That doesn't look so good. Large schools typically connect less well with their students, and education suffers.

A current study is underway to look at other alternatives, including a "main" campus with "schools within a school," or "academies" -- either onsite or spread around town. The district -- and city officials -- both appear receptive to some of these new ideas.

Spreading high school facilities to other locations, if practical, could also help lessen the burden of traffic and congestion that might be created by placing a single "mega-campus" at the favorite current new high school site near Linden and Jefferson. Jefferson Boulevard will face congestion even after current expansion plans are complete. City plans to de-emphasize Jefferson, in favor of a "loop" road system through Southport won't pan out, and the school district has waited so long to acquire a chunk of land for a new high school that alternative sites are scarce.

Agreement on the basics of a school bond is one key to success. Replacement of the city's current high school and middle school system is long overdue, and passing a major school bond is only the first step towards this goal.

But West Sacramento is historically reluctant to approve school bonds. Voters shot down two major bonds (both promoting a new high school) before approving a less ambitious one (to repair existing facilities) in recent years.

True, the city's demographics are changing. Senior citizens (who are likely to oppose the taxes created by a new school bond, and unlikely to house student-age children) are becoming a smaller part of the city, for example. But the community can't afford to risk community rejection of a bond measure at the polls, and can't afford to regroup and try again in a couple of years. This new bond measure should be constructed to make just about everybody happy, and timed to require only the minimum (55 percent) voter approval -- even if that means waiting until November of 2004 to put it on the ballot.

Letters to the Editor

New high school location: bad idea

We have read that Linden and Jefferson is the proposed location for the new proposed high school. Positive thinking apparently was not used in selecting this location.

Linden and Jefferson has trouble handling the present traffic, due to two schools presently located near by, and only one way out of the south area. Additionally, there are four other elements which will add to this already overcrowded situation. One is a new shopping center being presently constructed. Two is a few thousand more homes to be constructed south of the Linden/Jefferson intersection. Three is the fact that every student has a vehicle. (Stop by Meadow Road after school gets out and you will see for yourself.) Four is the attraction of various fast food restaurants in the new shopping center; students will be crossing the road during lunch hour big time!

This has all the earmarks of big-time traffic congestion getting worse.

Let's rethink this decision and locate the new high school somewhere that monster traffic tie-ups will not be the norm.

CHUCK & SANDY KING
West Sacramento

Save the trees

Apparently subjugation to the needs of Sacramento County is still a way of life here. Perhaps some of the West Sacramento leadership have lived here too long and are consequently comfortable with being dumped on by Sacramento County; and although they hold up the idea of a "premier city", it seems they are confused as to exactly what that is. The leadership of any progressive city would not allow a huge sewer line to go through an established residential neighborhood, let alone at the expense of hundreds of trees.

The Sacramento region ranks fifth worst in

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

Guest commentary:

Port pledges to use Kelso report

From the Port of Sacramento:

In every port community there is a natural and dynamic tension between the port and its host community. This normal tension is generated by differing views about how to use a valued and limited resource, our waterfront and the surrounding land.

The challenge in each of these port communities is to collaborate in the development of a rational land use policy and a regulatory regime that encourages the mission of the port within the context of the community's vision for itself.

In the Fall of last year, the Port of Sacramento took an affirmative step to expand the dialogue with our community. At the Chair's request, Professor Clark Kelso, Director of the Capitol Center for Government Law and Policy at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, agreed to form a special advisory committee comprised of diverse interests, including leaders from the Port's host community of West Sacramento, the business community, residents of the Port district, recreational users, labor, and environmental advocates.

For over 9 months, Professor Kelso and the committee provided a venue for a community discussion. Participation from the entire community, not just those who live nearby the Port, provided the advisory committee with an opportunity to better understand the sentiments of the community.

As a result, the Kelso Committee released a report earlier this month providing the Port, the community of West Sacramento

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 11, 2003
File No. 2003-536

The following person is doing business as Walnut Manor Associates, 4863 Harbord Drive, Oakland CA 94618:

Craig M. Compiano, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/84.

/s/Craig M. Compiano

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: June 11, 2003
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of CALVIN SAMMY JUNIOR BEARD, Minor.
NO: JV-03-00133

TO: All persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a Hearing in Yolo Couty Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on December 3, 2003 at 10:30 A.M. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Angela Riley on 4/3/2003. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated:
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep. 26, 2003
File No. 2003-874

The following person is doing business as Pioneer Real Estate; Pioneer Mortgage, 2647 Emerald Bay Dr., Davis CA 95616:

Shahab Sean Baghaban-Rezvan, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Shahab Sean Baghaban-Rezvan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 24, 2003
File No. 2003-870

The following person is doing business as Ziggyrama.com, 3216 Maui St., West Sacramento CA 95691:

James R. Eidson III, same address.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/24/03.

/s/James R. Eidson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 8, 2003
File No. 2003-923

The following person is doing business as EP Logistics, 206 Maedell Way, Woodland CA 95695:

Miguel A. Reyna and Betsy Reyna, 206 Maedell Way, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/8/03.

/s/Miguel A. Reyna
/s/Betsy Reyna

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by: /s/Freddie Oakley, Deputy Clerk

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Order means light and peace, inward liberty and free command over one's self; order is power.
—Henri Frederic Amiel
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Know how to do good a little at a time and often.
—Baltasar Gracian
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File No. 2003-865
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is(are) conducting business as: ADVANCE AMERICA / ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS, 353 West Main, Unit B, Woodland, CA 95695

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Business Classification: a limited liability company

Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2003.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: ROBERT SHAW, TAX DIRECTOR, 2003-07-18

Corporation Name: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, Official Title: TAX DIRECTOR

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 23, 2003.

News Ledger
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-903

The following person is doing business as Big Valley Metals, 620 Houston St. #1, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Linda Vela, 2642 Decker Way, W. Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/15/2003.

/s/Linda Vela

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Date: Oct. 6, 2003
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 2, 2003
File No. 2003-888

The following person is doing business as WyoTech, 980 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Titan Schools, Inc. (formerly known as WyoTech Acquisition Corp.), a Delaware corporation, 6 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 400, Santa Ana, CA 92707.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: .

/s/Stan A. Mortensen, Sr. V.P. & General Counsel
Titan Schools, Inc.

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.
—Benjamin Disraeli
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of JUDAH WATTS, Minor.
NO: JV-02-00381
CITATION

TO: Virgil Gallo and All Persons Claiming To Be The Father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on December 17, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Jennifer Watts on 8/25/2002. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 10/15/2003
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-968

The following person is doing business as SOS Trucking, 1856 Olvera Dr., Woodland CA 95776:

Steven Nixon and Susan Nixon, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/16/03.

/s/Susan Nixon

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on November 12, 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Ordinance 03-20 entering into a Development Agreement between the City and Seecon Financial & Construction to provide for the prepayment of traffic impact fees, to redefine the developer's obligations to construct certain portions of Lake Washington Boulevard, Village Parkway and associated public improvements to address single family lots eliminated as part of an approved map modification regarding applicable impact fees and inclusionary housing for replacement lots in subsequent maps, to commence proceedings to annex additional lots into CFD No. 14 and the MC-10 drainage basin, and related terms and conditions. The project is an approximate 270 acre site on the north side of Linden Road bounded generally by the Sacramento River on the east, Linden Road on the south, 2000 feet east of the Yolo Shortline RR. A Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project.

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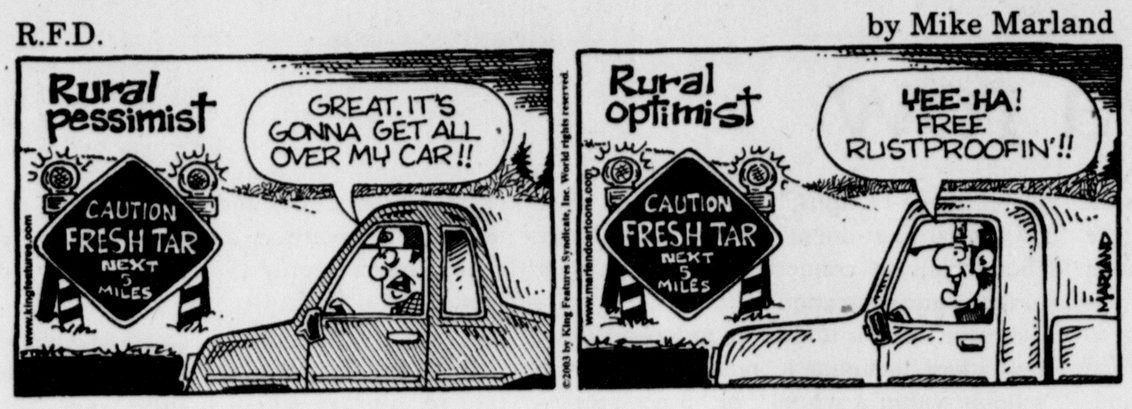
PUZZLES & COMICS

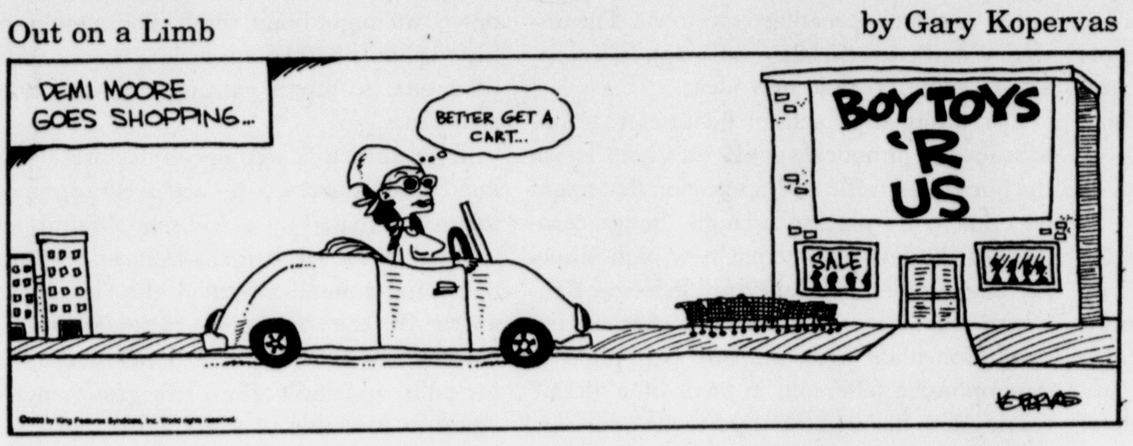
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland


Rural pessimist
GREAT. IT'S GONNA GET ALL OVER MY CAR!!
CAUTION FRESH TAR NEXT 5 MILES
Rural optimist
YEE-HA! FREE RUSTPROOFIN'!!
CAUTION FRESH TAR NEXT 5 MILES

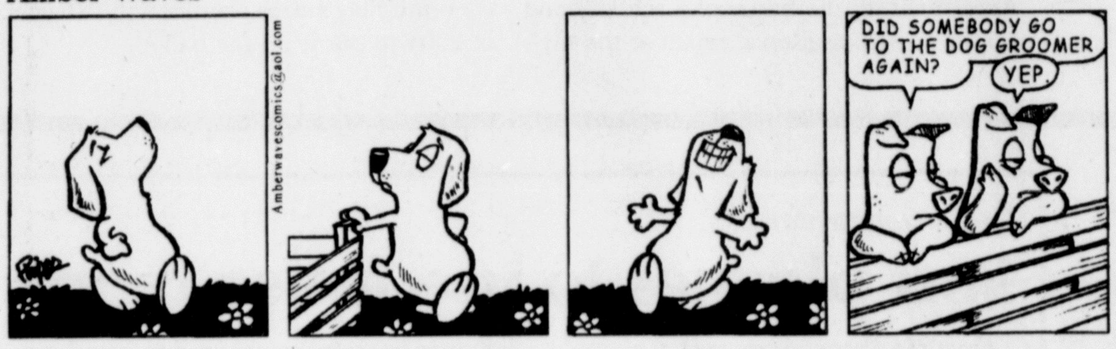
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

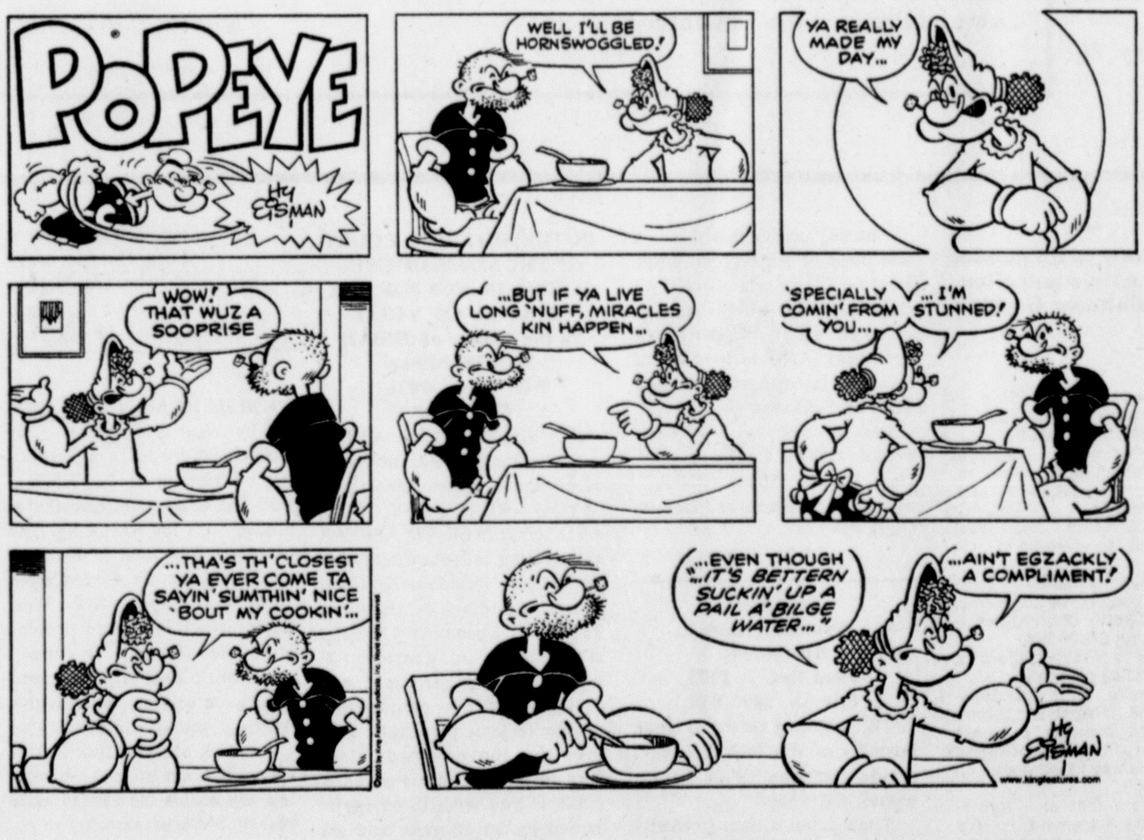
by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WANNA SEE A MAGIC TRICK?? I CAN PULL A QUARTER OUT OF MY EAR!!
WAIT!! PULL IT OUT OF YOUR NOSE... WE CAN GET A MUCH MUCH "BIGGER" AMOUNT OF MONEY!!


POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
WELL I'LL BE HORNSWOGGLED!
YA REALLY MADE MY DAY...
WOW! THAT WUZ A SOOPRISE
...BUT IF YA LIVE LONG 'NUFF, MIRACLES KIN HAPPEN...
'SPECIALLY COMIN' FROM YOU...
... I'M STUNNED!
...THA'S TH'CLOSEST YA EVER COME TA SAYIN' SUMTHIN' NICE 'BOUT MY COOKIN'...
...EVEN THOUGH "...IT'S BETTERN SUCKIN' UP A PAIL A' BILGE WATER..."
...AIN'T EGZACKLY A COMPLIMENT!

FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
ARAKAHN HAS RETURNED!
AS HE RISES FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE DARK DIMENSION, RESTRAINTS LOCK INTO PLACE!
RRRAAHRURK
IT IS I, LORD MING, WHO HAS DELIVERED YOU FROM YOUR FATE.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE SERVED ME FAITHFULLY, I NOW GRANT YOU THE MEANS BY WHICH TO REGAIN YOUR LOST HUMANITY!
{KOFF} HUUMANN?
IT WAS FLASH GORDON WHO DID THIS TO YOU. THEREFORE IT IS HE WHO MUST BE CAST INTO THE DARK VOID.
ONCE HE TAKES YOUR PLACE YOUR HUMANITY WILL BE RESTORED!
YESSSSS {GASP} GORRDONNN!
BEGIN THE TRANSMUTATION PROCEDURE. HE'S NO GOOD TO US IF HE CAN BARELY SURVIVE OUR ATMOSPHERE.
YES, MY LIEGE.
PITIFUL FOOL. HE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO TAKES HIS PLACE.
BUT NOW, BELIEVING THE EARTHLING TO BE THE CAUSE OF HIS TORMENT, THE CREATURE WILL NOT REST UNTIL GORDON IS DESTROYED!
HA HA HA!
NEXT: EASY MARK!

Super Crossword

REAL-ESTATE COPY

ACROSS
1 Rationed, with "out"
6 Baltic city
10 "Fall back" mo.
13 Place
18 Author Isaac
20 Component
21 "Da — Ron Ron" ('63 hit)
22 Majorca's capital
23 "Water view!"
26 Actor Delon
27 Heavy weight
28 Black and white
29 Perplexed
31 Aware of
32 Line of clothing?
33 Polly-syllabic one?
36 Jitterbug dance
38 Bag
41 — up (became informed)
42 Infamous Idi
44 "Close to trans-portation!"
53 Zombie base
54 Snaps
55 Otherwise
56 Siegmeister or Wiesel
57 Presidential nickname
58 Disprove
59 Grate stuff
61 Blackboard
62 Take a hike
64 Meyerbeer's "— Huguenots"
65 Actor Novello
66 Latin rhythm
67 City on the Danube
69 "Cozy getaway!"
72 Excessively
73 Actress Braga
75 Hodge-podge
76 UK honor
78 Amusement park cry
82 Percussion instruments
83 Synthetic fiber
85 Composer Gabriel
87 Poetic pot
88 Classy doc?
89 Gin flavoring
90 "The Virginian" author
91 Wordless greeting
92 "Needs a little TLC!"
97 Santa —, CA
98 Amusing Amsterdam
99 From the top
100 Mombasa's land
103 Overogled?
105 Melville mono-maniac
108 Poi base
109 — Quarter
111 Soon
112 Feather-weight Willie
115 Blue hue
117 "Private setting!"
122 Slip
123 Shoe width
124 Declare
125 He's a sew-and-sew
126 Computer key
127 Ukr., formerly
128 Long lunch?
129 Shortstop Pee Wee

DOWN
1 Crazy
2 Christiania, today
3 Pride papa
4 Philips of "UHF"
5 Avoid
6 July birthstone
7 Pig — poke
8 "M*A*S*H" extras
9 Consumed a knish
10 Keats' "— a Nightingale"
11 Bobby
12 Lug
13 Health club
14 Raptor feature
15 African antelope
16 Goodwill
17 TV actress Linda
19 Novelist Caspary
24 Hoover or Grand Coulee
25 — Gras
30 '90 Woody Allen film
32 Go downhill fast
33 Ornamental loop
34 Questions
35 Legal matter
37 Squid's squirt
38 "— Dogs" ('71 film)
39 Caribbean island
40 "Ship of the desert"
41 '60s dance
43 Lump
45 Educ. network
46 Singer Houston
47 Dressing gown
48 — jacket
49 — jacket
50 "Oh, woe!"
51 Riotous Rudner
52 Kiki or Joey
59 Be of use
60 Manhattan area
61 — Paulo, Brazil
63 You'll get a kick out of it
65 Gilligan's home
66 Audiophile's equipment
68 Fleur-de—
70 Photog-raphy fluid
71 Warm
73 Match socks, e.g.
74 — about (approxi-mately)
77 Use one's head?
79 Culinary province
80 Wear away
81 Bestow
82 AMA members
83 Priestly vestments
84 Author's income
85 Punished a leadfoot
86 Bungle
89 "To your health!"
90 Used to be
93 Bawl
94 Edit a text
95 NT book
96 Capture a crook
100 Director Elia
101 Let out the lava
102 Scandina-vian
104 Duck down
105 —-Margret
106 Night noise
107 Statesman Sadat
108 Hoffmann creation
110 Iowa city
111 Curly coif
112 Soccer superstar
113 Aphrodite's son
114 Parisian papa
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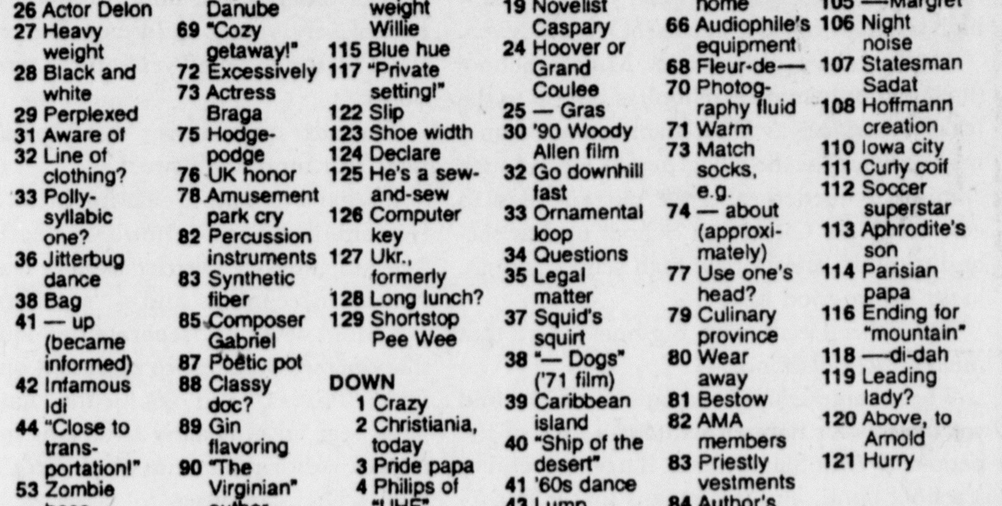
119 Leading lady?
120 Above, to Arnold
121 Hurry

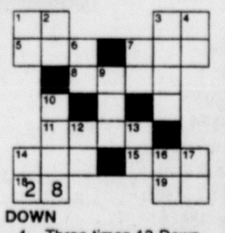


Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. 19-Across minus 6-Down
3. Three more than 17-Down
5. One hundred more than 9-Down
7. Thirty more than 4-Down
8. Digits of 3-Down rearranged
11. Digits of 10-Down rearranged
14. Four times 7-Across
15. Digits of 14-Across rearranged
18. One-half of 16-Down
19. Six times 7-Down

DOWN
1. Three times 13-Down
2. 18-Across plus 13-Down
3. Five times 15-Across
4. 12-Down plus 17-Down
6. Four less than 1-Down
7. Same digit repeated
9. One-fifth of 8-Across
10. Six times 5-Across
12. Digits of 18-Across reversed
13. One more than 7-Down
14. 1-Down plus 17-Down
16. Ten less than 19-Across
17. 16-Down minus 2-Down

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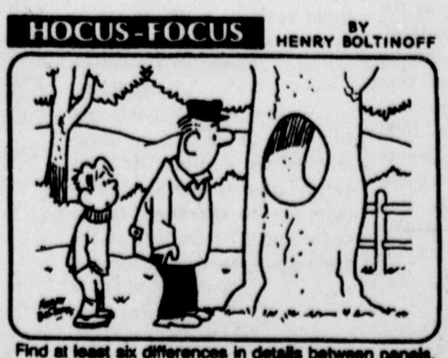
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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T R E R E H C A E R P P M K I
F D B T S N A P D Y R O W U S
Q O M K S O I L O R I I P F D
B C A R D I N A L H E Z R F X
W U I I O S N V L O S O R Q O
N L J R B T H I F P T I D C A
Y W V T E B S C M C A A B S Q
P N L K I L A A E R H H Y F E
C B Z Y W V C R P U S R C A Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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H	C	O	U	O	A	I	H	Z	E	O	K	S
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H	B	S	I	E	G	U	H	T	R	S	S	T

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Books

Elizabeth Costello
by J.M. Coetzee
(Viking, $21.95)
Reviewed by Rebecca Adamus

In awarding him the Nobel Prize in literature, the Swedish Academy rightly assessed J.M. Coetzee when they affirmed that no two of his books "ever follow the same recipe." "Elizabeth Costello," Coetzee's first work of fiction since the best-selling "Disgrace," not only differs greatly from his previous works, it departs radically from what is generally accepted as a work of fiction.

Coetzee's novel — if it can be called a novel — may be one of the most unique works of fiction to be published of late. Coetzee is often praised for his sparse prose and economy of language, but in "Costello," there is little character development, and rather than being sectioned into chapters, the book is divided into eight "lessons."

These lessons involve Elizabeth Costello, an aging Australian writer and award recipient invited by the pillars of academia to give lectures, interestingly enough, on topics she really has no solid beliefs or position on. Through these addresses, Coetzee undertakes an exploration into the nature of belief, writing and what it means to be a writer.

Since the book follows no linear (or even nonlinear) narrative, that exploration itself is the story. Costello's lectures range from abuse against animals to the problem of evil in the world, and what, if anything, can be done about it. Her reference point, a real book by author Paul West, has been a source of contention for Costello. During the address, she tentatively concludes that the artist has no right to enter the realm of death. Yet, following the lecture, she reverses her position after she again enters an existential grapple with herself about the meaning of West's book and its effect in regards to evil.

While Coetzee's philosophical wonderings may not be as easy to follow as the usual premise-complication-climax-resolution formula found in most fiction, a true Coetzee fan who attempts the journey through "Elizabeth Costello" will find it to be worthwhile.

YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

November Festivals

There are many happenings this November, the month of Thanksgiving and full-force fall. Wherever you are, you are sure to have something to be thankful for this November. Here are a few events that make me thankful for mandarin oranges; the celebration of music, notably polka; the celebration of the harvest; the anticipation of the Christmas season; and a great cup of joe.

Fall Polka Fest in the Wisconsin Dells: Running Nov. 7-9, this little fest is held at the Howard Johnson Hotel Resort at Antiqua Bay Waterpark. Though November is no time to go splashing around in Wisconsin, the polka beat will keep you warm and happy. Listen to polka music and get some polka-hop dance lessons as you enjoy live bands and food specialties. Admission varies by day. Check out www.wisdells.com or call 1-800-543-3557.

Kona Coffee Cultural Fest in Kailua Kona, Hawaii: Kona coffee is our only domestic coffee and one of the best in the world. And it is celebrated Nov. 7-16 all over the community, along with a little local color. There are more than 30 events, including a lantern parade, cupping competitions and tastings, farm tours and art exhibits. A $2 festival button is your admission to most events. Check out www.konacoffeefest.com for details.

San Francisco Harvest Festival: Head on over to the Concourse Exhibition Center in San Francisco Nov. 14-16 for the Harvest Festival, a memorable way to get a jump on holiday shopping. The center is transformed into a harvest wonderland, complete with strolling performers, homemade foods, costumed exhibitors and all the sights and smells of the season. Admission is $8.50, with discounts for children and seniors. Go to www.harvestfestival.com.

Mountain Mandarin Festival in Auburn, Calif : If you just can't get enough of that magical mandarin, come to the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn, Calif., Nov. 22-23 for the harvest fest. Locally grown, the mandarin orange is celebrated with dance troupes, local musicians and bands, and lots of fun. Admission is free; parking is $2. Call (916) 663-1918 or log on to www.mandarinfestival.com.

Christmas Lights Train in Milford, N.Y.: A holiday favorite, the train ride runs Nov. 28 and 29 at 6 p.m. Riding through the Susquehanna River Valley, you'll sing Christmas carols and enjoy hot beverages while taking in the Christmas lights displays. What a wonderful way to welcome the season. Rides run $7-$10 each. Call (607) 432-2429 or go to www.lrhs.com for details.

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Kill Bill: Vol. 1"

Running time: 108 minutes
MPAA rating: R

About halfway through the film, a master swordsmith (played by Hong Kong action-film legend Sonny Chiba) tells Uma Thurman's character, "Revenge doesn't take a linear path." And neither does filmmaker Quentin Tarantino in "Kill Bill: Vol. 1."

In his homage to the great Hong Kong action flicks of the '70s (particularly the Shaw Bros.), Tarantino chops up the timeline of the film and rearranges it for maximum effect.

The result is a visual and sonic assault from beginning to end. Every shot is a reference to at least one great cult classic, and the soundtrack is an extended audio pastiche of hipster retro and hooks sampled from B-movie soundtracks. "Kill Bill" is packed with so many references to other movies, you'll need a scorecard and a calculator to keep up.

"Kill Bill" stars Uma Thurman as "The Bride," the former member of an elite killing team known as The Deadly Viper Assassination Squad (a reference to the classic "The Five Deadly Venoms"), whose leader is the shadowy, sadistic Bill. On her wedding day, The Bride (several months pregnant) is savagely beaten by her former teammates (who have already killed the groom, the priest and the entire wedding party). As she lies broken and battered on the church floor, Bill delivers the coup de grace, and shoots her in the head and has the baby removed from her womb.

The Bride doesn't die, but lies in a coma for four years, during which a wretched orderly rents her body out for sex to any ol' trucker or pervert with $75. A mosquito bite awakens her just as she's about to be raped

Uma Thurman

again, and The Bride begins her quest for revenge against Bill and the entire Viper Squad.

"Kill Bill" is not a movie for the faint of heart. It is filled with extreme violence — some of it so over-the-top as to be camp. One scene (a flashback telling the story about Lucy Liu's character) could only be done in anime, because a story involving pedophilia and revenge would've never been allowed to be included as live-action.

If you're a fan of Asian action movies — Sonny Chiba, Bruce Lee and John Woo — you will drool over this movie. I can't wait till February to see the final chapter.

Grade: A

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. On "The Practice," I understand the producers decided to tone down the more personal sides of the characters' lives. I think we will be missing a lot of the interest that the past shows always presented. — *Ronnie H.*

A. Apparently, there's been a shift away from focusing on the characters' private lives because it was felt that they blunted the edge of the usually knife-sharp legal drama.

I agree with you that some aspect of a character's life away from the office adds to the interest. Could be though that the "Sturm und Drang" that overwhelmed the then-series leads played by Dylan McDermott (Bobby) and Kelli Williams (Lindsay) may have been over the top and became almost soap operaish. Personal story lines will be reeled out, but probably not to the excesses displayed by Bobby and Lindsay.

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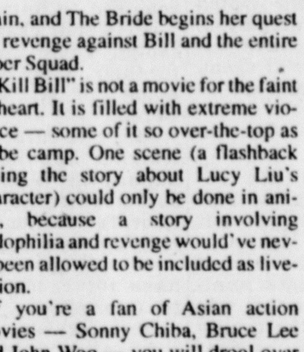
Q. What will happen to the tiger that mauled magician Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy (last month)? I read that he might be put down, although Roy begged that he be allowed to live. P.S. I am 11 years old and I love animals. — *Gregory H.*

A. As a fellow animal lover, I have good news for you, Gregory. The tiger was released from quarantine, where he was given a complete examination to make sure he didn't have any health problems that could have caused him to react as he did. He was allowed to rejoin the other tigers living on the Siegfried and Roy estate.



Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau

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Q. I recentiy read that they're bringing back the "Pink Panther" movies. Have they mentioned who will replace the late Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau? — *Albert G.*

A. MGM plans to have Steve Martin bring his own zaniness to the role of the bumbling French inspector. Incidentally, the first new flick in the Pink Panther franchise will be a remake of the original 1964 movie.

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• Thelma H. of British Columbia sent this wonderful tip via e-mail: "I sometimes only use half an onion in cooking, and often the other half sits in the fridge until it molds. So now what I do is dice the rest of the onion, put it in a zip-lock bag and freeze it. Then I have a ready-diced onion to throw into my recipes. Very convenient."

• Do you love houseplants? Studies show that they love you too, by filtering your indoor air. The best at keeping your air clean are: spathiphyllum (mauna loa), ficus, chlorophytum comosum (spider plants), and both philodendrons and aloe plant are particularly effective at removing formaldehyde from the air.

THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

CAPON IS TASTY ALTERNATIVE TO TURKEY

It's not too early to plan your Thanksgiving menu. If your family is small or you want a change from the big fellow with its inevitable leftovers, try a plump, juicy capon roasted to golden tenderness, old-fashioned cornbread stuffing, giblet gravy, orange-glazed sweet potatoes, a green vegetable and, naturally, the essential mashed potatoes. If you've never had this mid-sized member of the poultry family, you may want to know more about it.

Marc Nichols, president of Wapsie Produce in Iowa, tells us 1-day-old male chicks are delivered to them and fed vitamin-rich feed that's always free of chemicals, hormones or other feed additives. At an early age they are surgically neutered. They are not confined and are free to roam. At 15 weeks they go to plants where they are processed and frozen. Their all-natural, ready-to-cook weight is 7 to 9 pounds.

Order early and pick it up two or three days ahead for thawing in the refrigerator. Now, the recipes.

ROAST CAPON WITH CORNBREAD STUFFING

1 (7 to 9 pound) frozen Iowa capon, thawed
Salt and pepper
3 cups warm water
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced celery
1 1/2 cups finely chopped onions
3 cups cubed (3/4 inch) bread
4 cups cubed cornbread
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

1. At least 2 hours before roasting, remove capon from refrigerator; take out of plastic bag. Remove neck, heart, gizzard and liver. Wash capon inside and out; drain and dry with paper towels. Sprinkle inside and out with pepper and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Return capon to refrigerator.

2. Place neck, heart, gizzard and water in saucepan. Bring to simmer and cook 1 to 1 1/4 hours or until gizzard is tender. Five to 10 minutes before end of cooking time, add liver. Drain; reserve broth. Dice meat, gizzard, heart and liver; set aside in refrigerator for gravy.

3. Prepare stuffing: Melt butter in heavy saucepan skillet over moderate heat. Add celery and onion. Cook until tender, not browned, stirring often. Add 1/3 cup reserved broth and 1 teaspoon salt. Transfer to large bowl; set aside to cool. When cool, add bread, cornbread, pecans and poultry seasoning.

4. Preheat oven to 325 F. Remove capon from refrigerator.

5. Loosely spoon stuffing into capon cavities. Skewer neck skin to back. Return legs and tail to tucked position or tie legs together loosely. Skewer or sew body cavity closed. Place capon breast-side up on rack in shallow roast pan. Brush skin with melted butter or margarine. Cover loosely with aluminum foil, crimping it to edges of pan. Place in preheated oven. Bake about 3 hours. Remove foil 45 minutes before end of roasting time. Brush capon with melted butter and continue roasting, uncovered until legs move easily. Transfer to serving platter and let stand 15 to 20 minutes before carving. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

ORANGE-GLAZED SWEET POTATOES

6 to 8 medium-size sweet potatoes
Boiling water
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3/4 cup orange marmalade

Peel sweet potatoes; cut in half lengthwise. Place in large heavy skillet; cover with boiling water. Add salt. Cover and cook just until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain, saving about 1/4 cup cooking liquid. Combine liquid, butter and marmalade; bring to simmer. Pour mixture over sweet potatoes. Place over low heat; cook uncovered about 15 minutes, basting sweet potatoes with sauce until glazed, turning carefully once or twice to glaze evenly. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 1 foot 6 inches U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday at high tide, indicating that at low tide the gauge should read about 6 inches below the zero mark.

Before Judge Barry last Tuesday Mrs. Solodad Losanos was fined $10 for disturbing the peace of Jasper Garcia. Mrs. Losanos has been disturbing her neighborhood before but matters have been patched up until she became too bold.

Last Thursday morning Simone Giancole was fined $25 by Judge Barry for permitting his hogs to run loose and destroying the crops of Frank Solona in West Sacramento. He paid the fine. On several other occasions Giancole paid a fine of $15 for a similar offense and the fine assessed Thursday was given as a warning to sin no more.

Rome D. Barry, Jr., came up from Mare Island last Tuesday to spend two days with his parents and friends. He returned Wednesday evening.

Curtis Plane No. 10 from Neptune Beach, Alameda, has been anchored in the river during the last three weeks except for a trip made a week ago to Placerville from which it returned to have engine trouble regulated. Today the plane left here for Lake Tahoe where it will be engaged for the rest of the summer. The plane is owned by the Tahoe Aviation Co. and is manned by Charles Stoffer, pilot; Lawrence Honn of Berkeley and Bert Hathaway of Sacramento. This plane has been used at Nepture Beach for commercial purposes and has been a money maker for its owner. Last night Earl Pankost was up for a flight.

Pankost barge No. 39 sank at its moorings last Wednesday morning but was not badly damaged because of the shallowness of the river. It has been raised.

Gordon Lee of Riverbank while attending a moving picture theatre a few nights ago lost his bicycle to some petty thief. The theft was reported to the Sacramento Police.

William Russell and wife are home from a several weeks' trip through, Lake, Humboldt and Trinity counties, where they went for a vacation. Three good bucks rewarded them for the trip.

Eugene Stoneking, for many years a worker in the ship yards of the Sacramento Transportation Company and well known in Washington, was married last Saturday in Woodland to Miss Annie Barker. They will make their home in Sacramento.

Casius Amacker is again at work after enjoying a couple of weeks' vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Considerable work has been done on the barge Riverside in the local ship yards. It is practically being rebuilt by the Sacramento Transportation Co.

Mrs. Anna Folsom left here last Saturday for a vacation of two weeks at Markleville.

Last Saturday morning a baby girl was born to Mrs. Gardner Egan. This is the first baby in the family and was a welcomed visitor. Mrs. Egan and baby are getting along nicely.

J. Rose was badly hurt yesterday at Third and M streets in Sacramento when the auto in which he was riding with G. L. Free collided with a San Francisco and Sacramento electric engine. He was taken to the emergency hospital in Sacramento for treatment where it was found he sustained many cuts and bruises in the accident.

Rev. Father Marcucci has announced that during the balance of the summer Sunday services will be held in Washington and Riverbank as follows: Mass will be said every Sunday in Washington at 8 a. m. and in Riverbank at 9:30 a. m. This change was made necessary by the fact that he has been called to attend to other duties in Sacramento.

Mrs. Emma Grady of Davis is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wood, Sr.

Mrs. Clarence Painter has returned to her home in Washington, after visiting her son, Jack Painter, in Oakland.

Mrs. Mattie Starkey, formerly of Washington, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Clarence Painter, en route from Sparks, where she visited her son, Bert Horner, to her home in Oakland.

Frank De Riso, Jr., after spending a few days with his parents in Washington, has returned to Lamoine, where he is employed.

Mrs. H. M. Eugene, after a visit with relatives in Berkeley, returned to her home in Washington.

ANOTHER MILLION DOLLAR RICE MILL TO BE BUILT AT WEST SACRAMENTO

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Permit has been granted by the State Corporation Department to promoters for the financing of a rice mill and warehouse in West Sacramento.

The promoters of the concern are J. R. Whisner Co., of Sacramento, and the process of incorporation is now being completed.

Capital to finance the project is available because most of the rice growers through the valley are behind the concern with the idea of not only growing rice, but of being partners in the milling, even down to the final distribution of the cereal.

Plans of the buildings and warehouses are now in the hands of architects, but there is no intention of finishing the mill to handle this year's crop.

The actual site has not yet been selected, although offers of location have been made by the West Sacramento Company, with the likelihood that the new mill will be located in the vicinity of the other two large rice mills now operating.

In its prospectus the new incorporation advises:

"It is the first time that the rice growers of California have an opportunity to support a rice mill of their own, an independent mill, not owned by the rice trust. Co-operative milling means more profit for the rice growers and an established plant of their own."

The officers and directors of this new incorporation have not been selected, but at a meeting to be held in the near future they will be selected.

Temporarily Frank Atkinson is at the head of the concern, while the J. R. Whisner Company is helping to finance the plant.

Rice growers throughout the valley have been aiming at some accomplishment like this for some considerable time. They feel they ought to have a hand in the milling and distribution of their product as well as in the growing and they are willingly helping the proposal with their great funds in order to make it a success.

This is the first announcement made of the new project, and is given out solely with the view of showing that this side of the river is the best location for the factory projects of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron, and Mrs. Fred Moser of Washington, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mealand of Sacramento, returned Wednesday from an automobile trip to Southern Oregon. During the trip, the party visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Rowe in Susanville. At Lake Tahoe they were the guests of Mrs. Gertrude Morton.

Miss Essie White is the guest in Palo Alto of Miss Pearl Socker, a librarian in the Leland Stanford, Jr., University Library. After completing the visit in Palo Alto, Miss White will go to San Francisco and Berkeley before returning to her home in Washington.

The meetings of the Improvement Club, which were discontinued during the month of August due to the absence of many members and officers from Washington, will be resumed early in September.

A group of the friends of Mrs. Fred Moser gave a surprise party last night at her home in honor of her birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Mrs. A. McManus, Sr., Mrs. Mabel Peterson, Miss Marie Peterson, Miss Mildred Ramuzina, Dr. D. L. Durst of Sacramento, Alfred Evans, Howard White and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser.

Herman Garber and Roy Middleton left last Wednesday for Dutch Flat, where they will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Case have left for a vacation, which they will spend partly in visiting Case's mother at her home in Chico and partly as the guests of relatives of Mrs. Case in Challenge.

Mrs. Buck Buckingham has returned to her home in Paradise Valley, Nevada, after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. M. Martin.

Taking on the nature somewhat of a family reunion, the sixtieth anniversary of Mrs. E. L. Newton was celebrated last Monday at the family residence. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stevens and family of San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. Westherbee and son of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johns of Sacramento. Mr. and Mrs. George Newton, Mrs. M. McLaughlin, Mrs. Grace Kipp, Thomas and Russell Crase and Charles and Thomas Newton.

Mrs. Annie Stevens of Oakland is spending a pleasant vacation with her niece, Mrs. Vincent De Riso.

Mrs. George Newton and family returned yesterday from a two-months' vacation at Santa Cruz.

Francis Bennetts, who spent the last two weeks visiting has aunt, Mrs. Pearl Andrews of Oakland, has returned home.

P. A. Hart and family motored to Nicolaus last Sunday.

George Thomas and family were visitors in Knights Landing last Sunday.

L. Galgiani and F. Chapman of San Jose were week-end visitors at the Edwards home in Washington.

Marshall Stockton of Niles was a guest at the home of his father, Robert Stockton, last Sunday.

Mrs. Belle Porter has returned from a brief visit in the Bay cities.

Mrs. Clarence Painter has gone to Oakland to be a guest at the home of her son, Jack Painter.

Miss Leona Richeson, after visiting in Stockton, has returned to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. C. Richeson.

Meeting her cousin, T. E. Sanchez, for the first time in 40 years, Mrs. J. Azevedo of Colorado was a visitor this week at the Sanchez home. Other guests at the Sanchez home at the same time were Mrs. H. D. Lincoln of Newman, Mrs. C. Grover of Stockton, Mrs. W. Smith and daughter of Sacramento and Mrs. A. Sanchez.

J. B. Lee and family left last Monday for a two weeks' vacation at Bodega Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dotson have removed to Sutter City to reside.

H. Hendricksen and wife of Altaugh, Tular County, have returned to their home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Van Deren.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Todhunter of Knights Landing were visitors last Sunday in Washington. They were accompanied to their home by Miss Georgia Mathena, who will visit in Knights Landing.

Mike Kayser and J. R. Williams have returned from a hunting trip to Georgetown.

Mrs. Margaret McDonough, accompanied by Mrs. George Fortman, motored to Woodland last Thursday to visit Mrs. McDonough's son, Under Sheriff Bob Woods.

Mrs. John McNevin has returned to her home here after several weeks' visit in Oregon. Stops were made at Portland, Pendleton, Vancouver and other points.

Mrs. J. G. Souge is very ill at her home on Second street. She has been ailing for some time but has had some relief following a long trip to the South during the summer. Rheumatism has sorely worried her, but she has had the constant attention of her husband.

NONOGENARIAN OF WASHINGTON IS WELL AND HEARTY

Hale, hearty, happy and healthy Henry Leinberger celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday, August 26th, at his home here.

He is the oldest resident of the town and is one of the original pioneers who blazed the way of civilization when California was practically uninhabited and when prairies prevailed in the Sacramento Valley.

There are few of his early friends left and now resting in the peace of a happy old age the celebration took place in the nature of a family affair.

Until two years ago he had no pains or aches, but in a runaway at that time he was somewhat injured, since which time he has been taking life easy.

During many years he was engaged in the slaughtering business and even before railroads were built he drove cattle from all points west, even as far as from Lake County.

He endured the hardships of flood on several occasions and saw his home wrecked without a whimper.

His was the spirit that started the west on the road that has been made easy for us.

Two years ago he lost his wife, after 60 years of wedded happiness.

In the midst of his children and grandchildren he is happy and is busy, as was his custom, when he had all responsibility over a large business.

Henry Leinberger was born in Germany, but has been a resident of this country for more than 70 years., and during most of those years he has lived in Washington.

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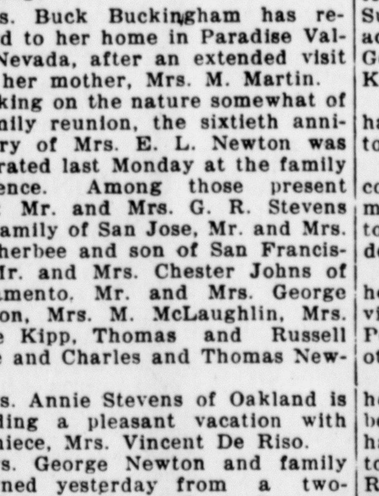

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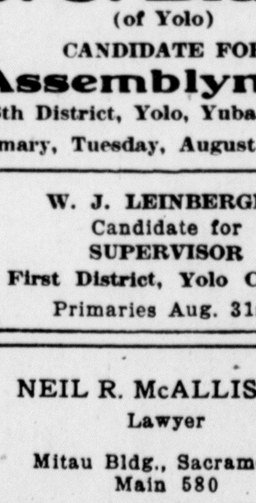

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At: On the main steps of the County Courthouse, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to an now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: The land referred to in this guarantee is situated in the state of California, county of Yolo, city of West Sacramento and is described as follows: Parcel 1: All that portion of lot 39, Riverloam Acre, filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, page 46, Yolo County records, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said lot 39, said corner being located at the intersection of the center of Riverbank Avenue and Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue, as shown on said map; thence north 85 degrees 49' 40" east, 122.70 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue to the northeast corner of that certain parcel described in Deed, recorded August 22, 1947 in book 265 of official records, page 431. Said corner being the point of beginning; thence along the east line of said parcel, south 14 degrees 34' 40" west 120.00 feet to a point on the north line of certain parcel described in Deed recorded July 31, 1946 in book 243 of official records, page 471; thence along said north line north 85 degrees 49' 40" east 50 feet more or less to the southwest corner of that certain parcel recorded in Deed recorded January 11, 1947 in book 253 of official records, page 449; thence along the west line of the said parcel, north 14 degrees 34' 40" east 120.00 feet to the northwest corner of said parcel, also being a point on the center line of Bryte Avenue; now known as Rice Avenue; thence along said centerline south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 50 feet, more or less to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. Parcel 2: A portion of lot 39 of Riverloan Acres, according to the official plat thereof filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, at page 46, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of said lot 39, located on the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue and from which the northwest corner of said lot bears south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 172.70 feet; thence from said point of beginning, north 85 degrees 49' 40" east 50 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue; thence south 14 degrees 34' 40" west 220 feet to the south line of said lot; thence south 85 degrees 49' 40" west along said lot line 50 feet; thence north 14 degrees 34' 40" east, 220 feet, to the point of beginning. Note: The dimensions of the above described property are computed to the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue 40 feet in width on the north. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. Parcel 3: All that portion of lot 39, Riverloan Acres, filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, page 46, Yolo County records, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said lot 39 said corner being located at the intersection of the center of Riverbank Avenue and Bryte Avenue, as shown on said official plat; thence north 85 degrees 49' 40" east, 122.70 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue; thence south 14 degrees 34' 40 west 120.00 feet; thence south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 122.70 feet to a point on the center line of said Riverbank Avenue; thence north 14 degrees 34' 40" east 120.00 feet along said street center to the point of beginning. Note: The Dimensions of the above described property are computed to the center line of Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue, 40 feet in width on the north. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: Parcel 1: Vacant land Parcel 2: 2771 Rice Avneue, W Sacramento, CA 95691 Parcel 3: 2791 Rice Avenue W Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $174,702.45 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary: David J. Murillo and Magdalena Murillo, as Trustee of the Murillo Family Trust, dated August 8, 1996 c/o Alliance Title Company Default Service Center 530 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone No: (916) 551-1300 Sale information can be obtained on line at www.prioritypostingcom The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 10/17/2003 Alliance Title Company, a California Corporation as Trustee Vickie Levas, Authorized Signatory P204054. 10/22, 10/29, 11/05/2003

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-955

The following person is doing business as Document Fulfillment Services, 1600 Raley Court, #30, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

BIT California, LLC, 6955 Sierra Ct., #204, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/BIT California, LLC, by /s/ Steven Shill, Manager

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-932

The following person is doing business as Kay's Body Shop Inc., R&K Septic and Tractor Service, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Richard L. Holland and Vivian K. Holland, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/03.

/s/Richard Lynn Holland, President
/s/Vivian K. Holland, Vice President

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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Date: Oct. 10, 2003
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Winning isn't everything. Wanting to win is.
—Jim "Catfish" Hunter

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: Matriscope, Inc., a California Corporation, 3102 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Doing Business as: Matriscope, Inc. (Type – Engineering)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s), are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) are: Matriscope Engineering Laboratories, Inc., a California Corporation, 3102 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The assets being sold are generally described as: All Stock in Trade, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Goodwill, and are located at 3102 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Capitol City Escrow, Inc., 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821 and the anticipated sale date is November 17 2003.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Capitol City Escrow, Inc., 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821, and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be November 14, 2003, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: October 8, 2003
Buyer:
/s/Gary C. Balbi, President
Matriscope Engineering Laboratories, Inc., a California Corporation

#599382 Oct 29

Police log

Oct. 24, 6:11 p.m.

An officer contacted a 41-year old woman on West Capitol Ave. who was displaying symptoms of being under the influence of drugs. She also possessed a prescription pain killer that was not hers. She was arrested.

Oct. 24, 10:43 p.m.

A woman identified a 40-year old Southport man as the person who forced her to have oral sex. He was arrested near West Capitol and Cedar.

Oct. 25, 3:25 a.m.

An officer found a 23-year old man driver of a stolen vehicle at the 400-block of Westacre Road. The man admitted knowing the vehicle was stolen. A 21-year old Sacramento man was arrested at about the same location and time for driving a stolen pickup truck.

Oct. 25, 12:27 a.m.

An officer stopped a 23-year old Maple St. man for vehicle code violations, but the driver fled. Later, he returned and was arrested although resisting. Near the place he had been spotted were found pieces of baggies and traces of methamphetamine.

Oct. 25, 10:05 a.m.

A 25-year old woman involved in a domestic dispute with her boyfriend choked and kicked him. Police contacted and released both. They then saw the woman follow the man down the street and begin a new loud disturbance. She was deemed the "primary aggressor" in the dispute, and arrested near Virginia Ave. and Circle Street.

Oct. 25, 11:38 a.m.

A 34-year old man angry with his estranged wife through a phone receiver at her, hitting their five-year old daughter in the head. He then punched his wife, causing facial injury. He was arrested.

Oct. 25, 6:32 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to a West Capitol Ave. motel regarding a woman who told the manager to call police. She was gone upon their arrival, but was located and said she had been beaten up by a "friend." Police learned that the suspect, a 38-year old West Sacramento man, was the father of the victim's unborn child. He was located and arrested. She was treated for injuries at a hospital.

Oct. 26, 1:32 p.m.

A 24-year old man forced his way into a girlfriend's motel room and punched her in the face. He was on searchable probation, and police found 0.5 grams of a cocaine-based substance in his vehicle. He was booked.

Oct. 26, 7:15 p.m.

A 32-year old homeless man was arrested for hitting a victim repeatedly in the shoulders and back during an incident on 3rd Street.

LETTERS from p. 7

the U.S. for air pollution. The American Lung Association has declared asthma epidemics here among children. Our trees work 24/7 to clear our air -- to remove pollutants and provide oxygen.

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PORT from p. 7

and other interested stakeholders with broad recommendations to guide the Port, its host community of West Sacramento, and regional leadership.

The Port Commission wishes to thank Professor Kelso, the members of his special advisory committee, and the concerned citizens who volunteered countless hours and energy to this important community outreach process. We intend to use Kelso Committee recommendations as guidance for a continuing dialogue with our community, and we remain committed to a shared vision for our future.

Thank you.

MIKE McGOWAN
ROGER NIELLO
ROBBIE WATERS
ILLA COLLIN
RUDY MARTINEZ
FRANK HERRERA
MARK MONTEMAYOR
Commissioners,
Port of Sacramento

Unwanted newborns: safe places in W. Sac.

The City of West Sacramento has announced that each of the city's four fire stations will become a "safely surrendered baby" site beginning November 1.

The program is authorized by the state to allow the legal surrender of unharmed, unwanted babies within three on an outstretched hand.

Babies received at these sites will be medically examined and treated, if necessary, and directed to a foster home or adoption.

The fire stations in West Sacramento are also "Project Safe Place" sites, providing immediate shelter for youths

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To get to know a country, you must have direct contact with the earth. It's futile to gaze at the world through a car window.
—Albert Einstein

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Friendship"?
2. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 40th president of the United States?
3. ROYALS: For how long was Lady Jane Grey the queen of England?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the cape called Land's End?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the middle name of Union Gen. William T. Sherman?
6. HISTORY: Vaclav Havel became president of what nation in 1993?
7. GOVERNMENT: Who is second in line of succession to the presidency?
8. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "patho" mean?
9. PHILOSOPHY: What was the nationality of political writer Niccolo Machiavelli?
10. ART: What is a triptych?

Answers

1. Texas
2. Ronald Reagan
3. Nine days
4. England
5. Tecumseh
6. Czech Republic
7. House speaker
8. Disease
9. Italian
10. A work made of three panels or scenes joined together

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Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
—Aldous Huxley

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top 10 movies

1. **Kill Bill: Vol. 1** .....(R)
Uma Thurman, David Carradine
2. **The School of Rock** .....(PG-13)
Jack Black, Joan Cusack
3. **Intolerable Cruelty** .....(PG-13)
George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones
4. **Good Boy!** .....(PG)
Liam Aiken, Matthew Broderick
5. **Out of Time** .....(PG-13)
Denzel Washington, Sanaa Lathan
6. **The House of the Dead** .....(R)
Jurgen Prochnow, Clint Howard
7. **The Rundown** .....(PG-13)
The Rock, Seann William Scott
8. **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13)
Diane Lane, Raoul Bova
9. **Secondhand Lions** .....(PG)
Haley Joel Osment, Michael Caine
10. **Lost in Translation** .....(R)
Scarlett Johansson, Bill Murray

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Local Scene

Flu shots

Flu shots, recommended by the county health department for senior citizens, will be available at low cost from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 6 at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way. Flu shots will cost $5 and tetanus updates will be available for $13. For other Yolo County flu shot times and locations, call (530) 666-8645.

Harvest Festival

"No tricks – just lots of treats" will be available at the free Harvest Festival, River of Life Community Church on Friday night, 6-8:30 p.m. at 3605 Gregory Avenue near Jefferson Blvd. in the Southport area. Candy, games, drama and more. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 371-6706.

RCHS beautification

A "beautification day" for the River City High School campus is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8-1. Students can earn community service hours. Community members are invited to help with the clean-up and beautification. Call Pat Sulpizio, 371-4075, for more information.

'Age well'

A lecture by Andrew Duxbury, MD and geriatrician, will encourage you to "age well, because you can" at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the West Sacramento Civic Center galleria. A reception will follow at 3 p.m. Sponsored in part by the West Sacramento commission on aging. Call 373-5819 for more information.

Bazaar & crafts

A bazaar and holiday craft sale fundraiser for Job's Daughters will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 1, at the Scepter Masonic Center, 3260 Jefferson Blvd. The public is welcome. Call 371-1176.

Seniors' health

A Senior Health Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Wed., Oct. 29, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Included will be health screenings, prizes, a continental breakfast and health resource information. Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and Community Medical Centers. Free and open to the public. Congressman Mike Thompson is the honorary event chairperson, and representatives from federal agencies including veterans' services will be on hand. Call (707) 635-1650 for more information.

Craft fair

Holy Cross School will host a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the corner of Todhunter and Anna St. in West Sacramento. There will be handmade goods, gifts, treats, novelties, a raffle and more.

Raise Dickens

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels, will return Sat., Dec. 6, as a fundraiser to benefit the meal program for homebound seniors. There will be a tour of at least six beautiful Woodland homes dressed up in holiday splendor. Tickets are $25. Call (530) 662-7035.

Filmmakers

A "Davis Film Festival" is scheduled for April 9-10 next year and has released a call for entries. Works in film or video of any length and genre are invited. Call (510) 464-5989. Works must have been completed after October, 2003.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Suicide support group

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County will begin its "Friends and Family of Suicide Loss" support group for adults, meeting eight Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 12 at the Suicide Prevention business office in Davis. No fee. Call (530) 756-7542 for information or to register.

Crab feed

The Alzheimers Aid Society will host its annual crab feed in memory of Joey Lopes on Sat., Nov. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Sacramento. There will be dining, music and dancing, along with a raffle. Donations or raffle prizes are welcome. Call 371-3549 for tickets or information.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is requesting nominations for the annual John Siden Award, given to someone who has given outstanding service in a health-related field or has otherwise contributed significantly to the health and welfare of the West Sacramento community. For information on criteria and making a nomination, call 375-6340.

Parkinson support

The Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) for people with Parksinson's Disease will be demonstrated at the 1:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 28, meeting of the Davis-Yolo County Parkinson Support Group, 646 A St., Daivs. For information about the support group, call (530) 756-5196. For information about LSVT, call Mary Johnson, (916) 372-1331.

Bingo!

Soroptimist International is sponsoring "Bingo for Baskets," with the game combining with a tostada lunch, at 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 at VFW Post 8762 on Drever St. Prizes will be gift baskets and $25-$50 gift certificates. Bring a friend and your dauber. Proceeds benefit service projects.

Basketball

Signups are being accepted for the city parks department's youth basketball league, called the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA. Games are played weekends, with weekday practices. Age categories from 5-13. $45 per player includes jersey and award. Entry deadline is Dec. 5. Player evaluation is scheduled for Dec. 6 at Golden State Middle School, and all players and coaches must attend. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

Please keep your 'Local Scene' calendar item brief, and send it to:
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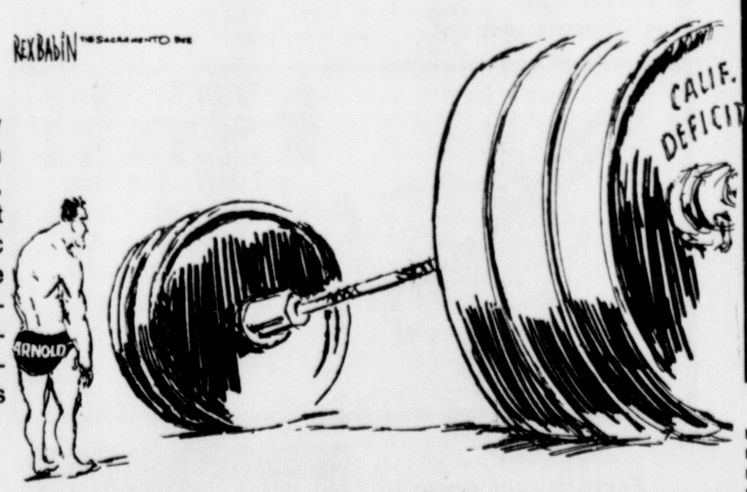
Send it early for best chance of publication.

Happy 50th

James and Shirley Jarvis, residents of West Sacramento since 1961, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 4th with a reception of family and friends given in their honor by Jamie and Stephanie Jarvis of West Sacramento.



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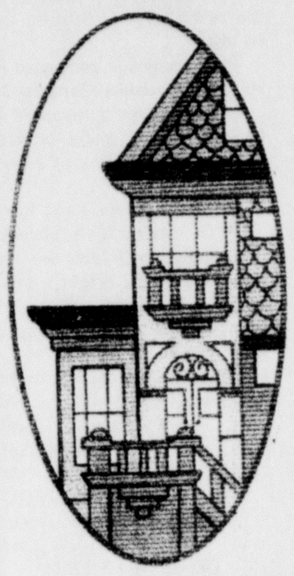

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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. In 1987, he pitched 155 2/3 innings.
2. The Toronto Blue Jays, 1977-79.
3. Twice — Northwestern in 1995 and Colorado in 2001.
4. It was Larry Bird.
5. Martin Brodeur with 20.
6. About 43.7 percent (55 of 126) finished the race.
7. Muhammad Ali beat Leon Spinks for his third title in 1978.

National Numbers *answers*

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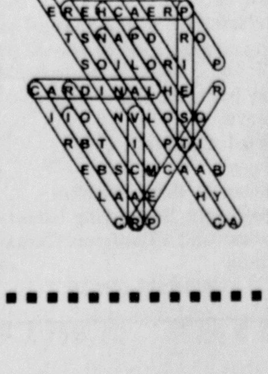
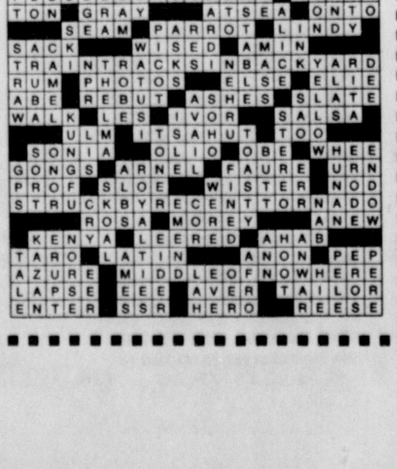
Differences: 1. Woodpecker has been added. 2. Hat is different. 3. Boy's pants are black. 4. Fence is different. 5. Birds have been added. 6.Hills in distance are missing.





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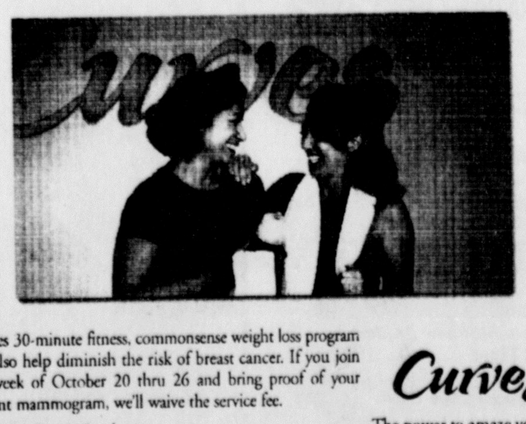

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